

Ministry in the Marketplace

“My education at MACU has equipped me to run a shelter for victims of domestic violence and open a social enterprise for survivors that saves the lives of over 1,000 women and children each year. Because MACU strengthened my eternal focus and foundation of faith, I am better able to carry out solid business practices and drive social change.”

— Beth Cross, Executive Director of Help and Emergency Response, Inc., an emergency shelter and comprehensive resource center for survivors of domestic violence.

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‘A royal priesthood . . . the people of God’

(1 PETER 2:9, 10)

THERE IS A decoupage plaque that now hangs in my office which I made decades ago as a Christmas present for my dad. It reads: “Three-fourths of the earth’s surface is water ... and one-fourth is land. Therefore it is clear the good Lord intends that a man should spend three times as much time fishing as he does working.” I like that axiom very much, but I know it is not true. At least it is not true in my life story at this point, but there is hope for the future.

But it does make me think of a parallel in biblical higher education. Since my ordination into Christian ministry in 1980 at the Pinedale Church of Christ in Winston-Salem, N. C., I have had a deep love and passion for the vocational ministry. I love the local church. Most of my pinto beans and corn bread have been earned from the preaching and teaching of God’s Word. But in most churches there are more who earn

their living from the marketplace than from church offerings.

While I and others will likely always be partial to biblical higher education for ministry in the local church and the Kingdom at large, we must not forget there is much ministry in the marketplace that needs an education from a biblical world view. Our colleges must serve the whole church.

It is clear that God calls all Christians, regardless of how they earn their living, to be ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The “priesthood of all believers” is extant doctrine in the Christian Church.

So I am grateful for Mid-Atlantic’s heritage, dating back to 1948, in the education of men and women for Christian service whether in vocational ministry or not. From that savvy foundation we now have degrees in


multiple areas in the marketplace: counseling, elementary education, business, leadership, and more. May we honor these graduates and students with all the honor due them as they minister in their respective fields in the marketplace.

As for me, my passion to preach is evident, as most weekends you will find me preaching somewhere. Why not invite me to preach at your church soon. And while you are at it, let’s go fishing the following Monday.



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

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| 6/21/16 Tue | Rosatan, Bay Islands, Honduras | 8:00 am | 5:00 pm |
| 6/22/16 Wed | Belize City, Belize | 8:00 am | 5:00 pm |
| 6/23/16 Thu | Costa Maya, Mexico | 8:00 am | 5:00 pm |
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| 6/26/16 Sun | Ship arrives at Miami, FL | 8:00 am | |

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THINKING BIBLICALLY



LEE M. FIELDS, PH.D.

You Can Believe It!

IN THE CLASSIC movie *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947), Doris, a divorcee, has steeled her broken heart by choosing to trust no one without verification. She has taught her seven-year-old daughter, Susan, to do the same, and thus Susan does not believe in typical myths, such as the existence of Santa Claus. Kris Kringle meets her, however, and seeks to convince her that he is truly Santa Claus. In the meantime, Doris develops a romance with Fred, a lawyer. The crisis comes when Kris is put on trial for being insane and Fred defends Kris’ identity in court. When Doris finds this foolish and irresponsible, Fred asks her to trust him and reasons that “Faith is believing, when common sense tells you not to.” Doris eventually comes to believe in Kris. When her daughter questions this change of heart, Doris responds with the same quotation.

Broadly in American culture today, faith is still a virtue. Many movies and songs, self-help books, and even medical experts say that people with faith have a positive outlook and a greater chance of recovery and good health.

But faith *in what* and based *on what*? For many it is faith in oneself. More often, it seems, faith is a feeling or decision to think that no matter how bad things look, they will get better. It isn’t based on anything; it’s merely a feeling or

MACU AUTHORS

- **Dr. Kevin W. Larsen** has had three articles published in the *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, “El Roi,” “Entrance of Hamath,” and “Tishbe.” *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz and published by Lexham Press, 2014, is included in Logos Library.
- **Dr. Lee M. Fields** co-authored a book titled *Devotions on the Hebrew Bible: 54 Reflections to Inspire and Instruct* with Dr. Milton Eng. The book, which contains a devotion on every book in the Old Testament, was released in October and is available on various websites. As general editors, Dr. Field and Dr. Eng brought together “some of the best biblical language scholars of today, that will inspire students and pastors to glean new insights from the Hebrew Bible and encourage them to keep using their Hebrew” (zondervan.com).

an expectation, a sentimental virtue of believing without – or even in spite of – evidence.

This weak view of faith has crept into Christianity, a view Christians must resist. Biblical faith is based on evidence. When John the Baptist was in prison with flagging faith and sent disciples to see if Jesus was truly the Messiah, Jesus answered, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me” (Luke 7:22–23, ESV).

Biblical faith that there is a God is based on evidence. The existence of the universe points to a creator. Jesus’ resurrection is a historically testable event; we have evidence that it actually happened. Jesus’ resurrection is the evidence of Jesus being the Son of God (Rom 1:4). It is evidence that we are in fact counted as righteous before God (Rom. 4:25; 8:34). It is the reason for our belief in an eternity with God (1 Cor. 15:20–23). Biblical faith is not like the world’s; it is not blind, and it is not “believing when common sense tells you not to.” God does not ask that.

ACADEMICS

New Business Administration Degree Program



BY ASCENCION GOMEZ, DSL

THOSE LOOKING FOR a degree in business with an emphasis on Christian principles should look at Mid-Atlantic’s new marketplace degree in Business Administration. All competitive organizations realize the importance of developing exceptional leaders to help them grow, manage change, and guide them forward toward their strategic vision. Christian leadership in both for-profit and non-profit enterprises has never been

needed more than it is needed now. MACU’s new Business Administration program is dedicated to Christian principles as well as to successful business strategies and practices.

Successful businesses have the ability to think and act strategically, which means they must be capable of making difficult decisions in a timely manner to propel their business or organization forward in competitive markets. Making quality business decisions requires effective and capable leaders who possess the integrity, character, and moral compass to make those decisions. MACU’s Business Administration

program is designed to produce extraordinary Christian leaders that have both professional competence and integrity.

Students who major in Business Administration are also required to complete a second major in Bible. Additionally, the Business Administration program provides students with an option to choose between two business disciplines; Organizational Leadership and Sport Management. Both programs are designed to develop students to positively impact organizations with strategic knowledge and abilities, innovative solutions, and mission accomplishment.

Learn more about this new program at macuniversity.edu/academics/departments-of-marketplace-ministry/business-administration.

A Ministry on the SPORTS PAGE



▲ John Herndon (right) poses with former Clemson football coach Tommy Bowden last summer. Bowden spoke at a church in John's hometown of Lawrenceburg, Ky., and granted an interview to share his faith in Christ with John's readers.

BY JOHN HERNDON '82

WHEN I PACKED my car for that drive to Elizabeth City in August of 1977, I really wasn't sure where my life was headed, but making a living sitting in a press box or walking the sidelines of a high school football field was certainly not on the map.

I was heading to Roanoke Bible College (now Mid-Atlantic) for a year to be better grounded in my faith, but thought I would eventually be playing cowboy, managing a farm somewhere. Working as a sports writer was not likely.

Admittedly, I had always been drawn to the media. Even as a kid, I read the local papers and watched the TV news every day.

But by the time I arrived in Elizabeth City, I had just become a smack-talking sports fan extolling the virtues of the Kentucky Wildcats to anyone who would – or would not – listen.

My life changed. I served several churches in North Carolina and Kentucky, eventually landing back in my hometown of Lawrenceburg, Ky., where I started attending high school basketball games for the first time since I had graduated nine years before.

On a whim, I paid a visit to The Anderson News, the same weekly newspaper I had written for as a high school student. I simply asked the editor for a chance to write again.

Admittedly, I was thinking more about a way to get into games free and maybe make a little

money doing so. To my surprise, I left the office that day with some reporter's notebooks and a press pass for the big game Saturday night.

Over more than 30 years, that paid hobby evolved into a full-time job. Much has changed in the newspaper business. My bulky old Smith-Corona typewriter bit the dust years ago. Today, I sometimes file stories from my smart phone and provide in-game updates on Twitter.

And over that time, I began to see one of those lessons I learned in college come to fruition: Almost anything can be a ministry. Even sports writing.

I never went back to school for specialized journalistic training. In retrospect, that might have hindered professional advancement, but it is also a blessing in that I developed my own style, based on who I am and how my faith drives me. Undoubtedly, the foundation I built at MACU has played a major role.

I simply read. I devoured every kind of writing imaginable, from weekly papers to the Washington Post to Christianity Today. And while my writing appears in a secular publication, it has a distinct Christian flavor.

It is just who I am. Several years ago, I was riding around the golf course with a local minister. I shared that I sometimes miss the pulpit, but he replied, "I think

you are where you need to be. I am convinced you reach more people through your writing."

That's debatable. What I do know is that having the freedom to tell Christian stories in a secular publication is priceless. I have told the story of a high school softball star that had not missed Sunday School from the day she was born. I offered a Christian viewpoint when the high school football coach was told he should not pray with his team. When another softball player hit a home run to send her team to the state tournament, I made sure a picture of her showing the "John 3:16" written on her eye-black was prominent in the paper.

And my writing has expanded to non-sports work and I have been able to share the faith of some major country music stars who were going to be in the area.

There are times that eating too much fast food, driving too many miles and working too late make me wonder if it is worth it.

But recently, a young man contacted me to see if I would be interested in sharing his parents' story of leaving Kentucky for the mission field.

"We wanted you to be the one to tell their story," he said.

I was deeply touched and humbled. That's because God really can use any profession to share His story.

Her Place Is a H.E.R. Shelter

BETH CROSS '05 serves as the executive director of H.E.R. (Help and Emergency Response) Shelter in Hampton Roads, Va. She oversees the work in two shelters and is looking to open a third due to the magnitude of the problem of domestic violence.

She was recently interviewed on the 700 Club and by a reporter for the *The Virginian Pilot* (February 7, 2016) where she served as a powerful voice and advocate for victims of domestic violence and human sex trafficking. Three people die each day at the hands of their abusers. In Virginia, domestic violence is connected to one-third of homicides. When victims are able to gain the courage to leave their abusers, they often have no safe place to go and take their children and little, or no, financial resources. Beth says that it is after they gain the strength to leave that they are 70% more likely to be killed by their abuser.

It is in this environment that MACU graduate Beth Cross '05 is called to serve. As executive director, Beth runs a private, nonprofit agency that provides advocacy and resources to those affected by domestic violence. The H.E.R. Shelter offers a 24-hour emergency hotline as well as a safe place for 42 women and children. Beth began her tenure at the shelter in 2006 and considers it to be "the best job in the world."

Beth graduated from Mid-Atlantic with a dual major in non-profit leadership and biblical studies. Beth credits her experience at

MACU as a time where she was able to grow in her faith and spiritual endurance as well as be equipped for leadership and service.

Not only does the H.E.R. Shelter provide assistance to victims of abuse, it also helps stem the tide of human sexual trafficking. Each year more than sixteen victims of sex trafficking are rescued in Hampton Roads. The victims, forced to participate in prostitution or pornography, are often lured into slavery through seemingly benign advertisements recruiting models or through traffickers who gain the trust of victims by acting as a significant other. Beth says that "women and men who are thrust into sex trafficking are forced to stay in these situations through blackmail and violence. When they finally convince themselves to break free, they still fear for their safety and privacy, oftentimes for years to come."

The problem of domestic abuse and violence also permeates our churches. Often, we think that the church is immune from issues such as violence. In her interview on the 700 Club Beth recounted how when she goes to speak at a church there is normally someone who will ask to help her load her car as she is leaving in

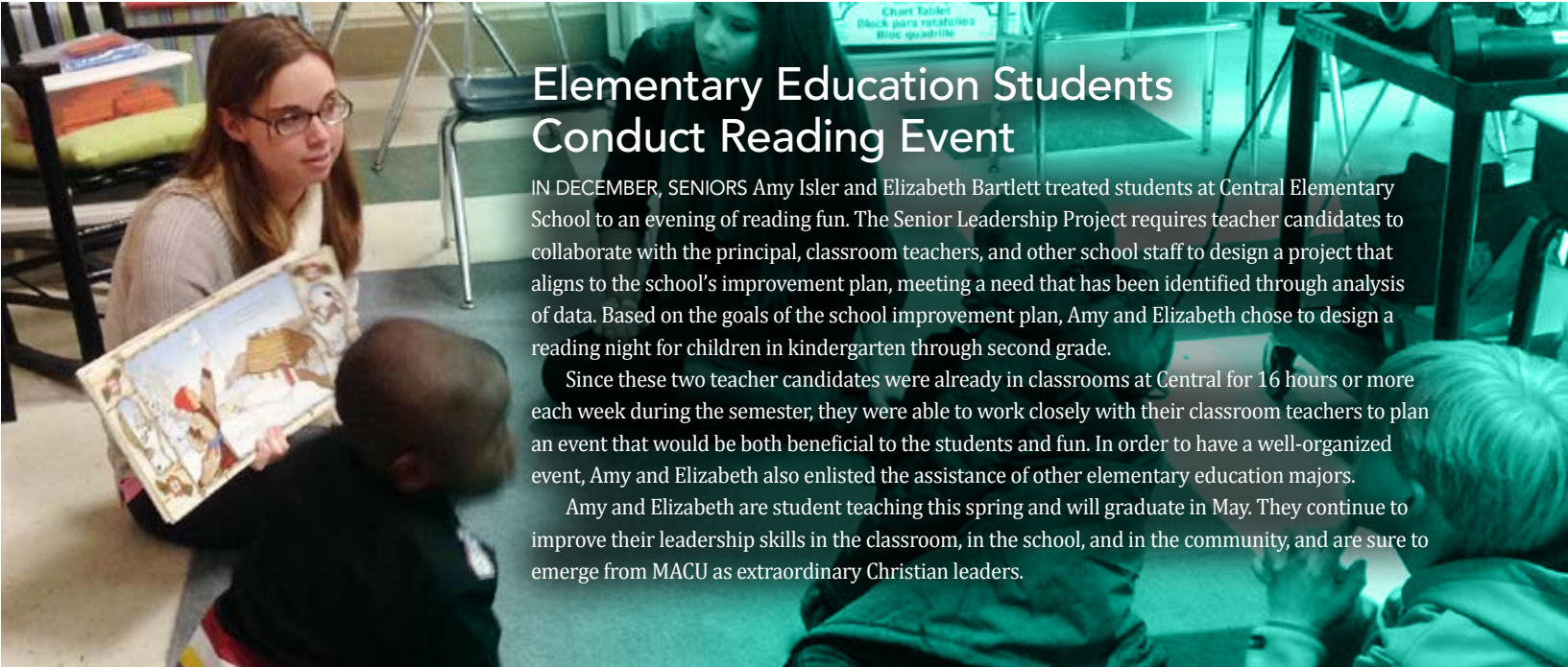


▲ Alison Dodson (right), owner of A. Dodson's, donates the \$5,000 cash prize she won as the 2015 Independent Small Business of the Year, to Beth Cross (center) for H.E.R. Shelter. Bill Brunelle, co-founder of Independent We Stand, the organization overseeing the contest, assists. (Credit: [sufolknewsherald.com](#))

order to talk to her about a personal situation. Thankfully, Beth is there to listen and to help provide compassion and grace to those most vulnerable.

Beth and her staff hear the sound of a woman sobbing, see the tears of brokenness, comfort a child who is fearful, and offer hope when all seems lost. This is ministry in the marketplace - being the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus. "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Beth and her husband, Aaron '03 (minister, Christ's Fellowship, Portsmouth, Va.), have three sons.



Elementary Education Students Conduct Reading Event

IN DECEMBER, SENIORS Amy Isler and Elizabeth Bartlett treated students at Central Elementary School to an evening of reading fun. The Senior Leadership Project requires teacher candidates to collaborate with the principal, classroom teachers, and other school staff to design a project that aligns to the school's improvement plan, meeting a need that has been identified through analysis of data. Based on the goals of the school improvement plan, Amy and Elizabeth chose to design a reading night for children in kindergarten through second grade.

Since these two teacher candidates were already in classrooms at Central for 16 hours or more each week during the semester, they were able to work closely with their classroom teachers to plan an event that would be both beneficial to the students and fun. In order to have a well-organized event, Amy and Elizabeth also enlisted the assistance of other elementary education majors.

Amy and Elizabeth are student teaching this spring and will graduate in May. They continue to improve their leadership skills in the classroom, in the school, and in the community, and are sure to emerge from MACU as extraordinary Christian leaders.

Chaplaincy and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

BY MAJOR KEVIN SEARS, USA (MACU CLASS OF 1994)

SERVING THE CHRISTIAN Churches and Churches of Christ as an Army Chaplain for the past 14 years is an experience like none other. I was called to active duty in May of 2002 and within 7 months was deployed to Iraq. The Army is a fast paced life with wonderful opportunities to minister to soldiers and their families while being afforded opportunities to live all over the world. An Army Chaplain truly is a missionary in a nontraditional sense. My ministry as a chaplain encompasses the traditional ministries of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care familiar to all ministers and Christians. The opportunities that make it unique and drew me to this ministry are the additional duties that chaplains fulfill. The chaplain does everything that a soldier does with the exception of combatant roles. I have always said that the chaplain better have faith because he is the only soldier on the battlefield without a weapon.

At times there is a misperception that chaplains are in the rear with the gear waiting for people to come to them. This could not be further from the truth. In most instances chaplains are placed where commanders expect the majority of casualties. In my deployment to Iraq I was placed with our forward company under the assumption that I would be needed there the most. The bond that a chaplain has with his fellow soldiers in combat is extremely tight. It is always an honor to serve some of America's finest citizens and to be able to lead them in worship during tough times.

chaplains conduct physical training (PT) in the morning with their soldiers. PT can be as basic as push-ups, sit-ups, and a three-mile run to a 12-mile road march with a full ruck sack,



▲ In April 2003, Kevin preached a memorial service in Baghdad for an eventual Medal of Honor recipient, SFC Paul Ray Smith.

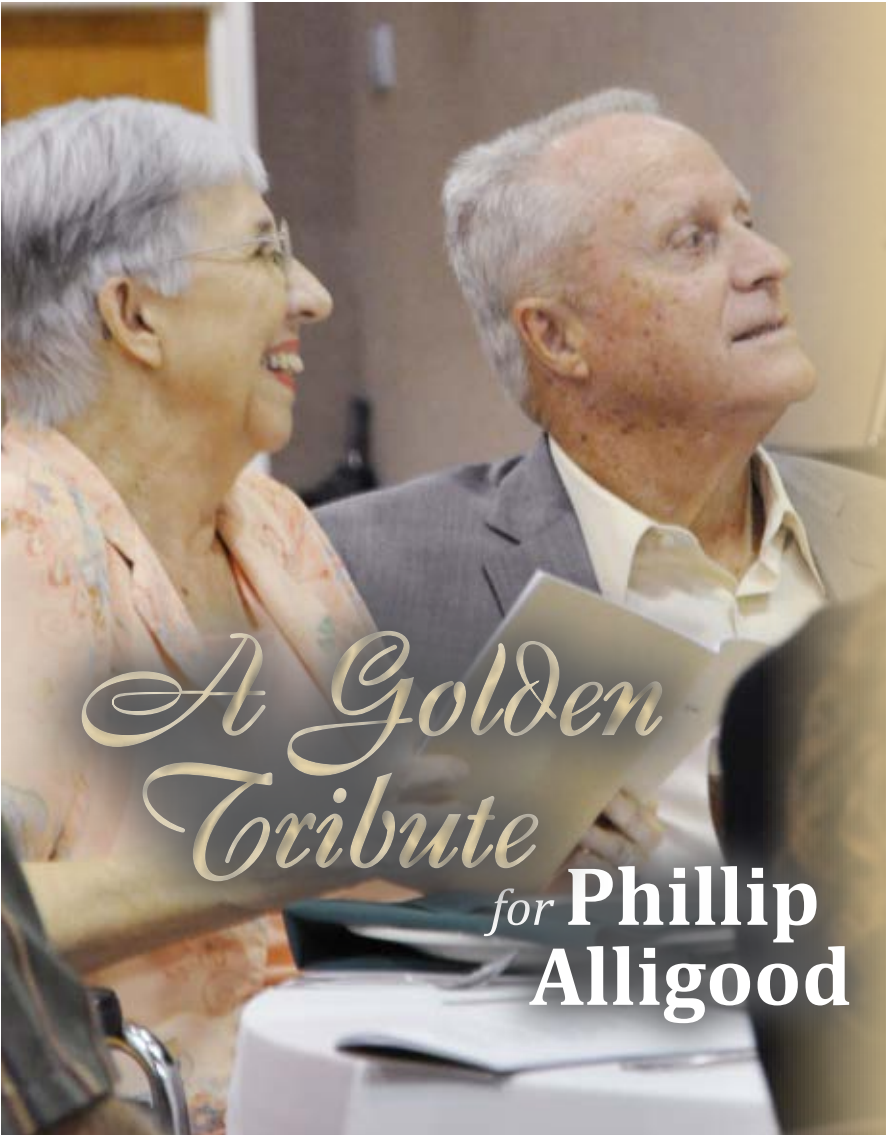
climbing Mount Fuji as a company, or hiking Iwo Jima to the top of Mount Suribachi. The opportunities with soldiers are both tough and fun, and they always build relationships that allow for ministry opportunity.

The chaplain is the commanders' subject matter expert on religious matters and morale. He is expected to understand the religious make-up of the areas around the world where troops are operating and must be able to educate commanders, leaders, and soldiers of cultural and religious norms of the population. I have had to understand many different faiths outside of my own, while maintaining the standards of

the Christian Church. A chaplain will never be asked to perform a religious service that is not consistent with his faith group but may be asked to help someone of another faith background find a like-minded spiritual leader. Whether preaching a sermon, serving communion, baptizing a soldier, or leading a marriage retreat, chaplains provide soldiers the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion.

In chaplaincy, just like in the church, there are different specializations of ministry. My love for counseling began at Mid-Atlantic Christian University as a double major in Bible and Counseling. Dr. Melvin Styons encouraged us as ministers to understand the importance of the counseling relationship. I never forgot his kindness and was instantly drawn to this ministry. The Army provided me the opportunity to further my education and pursue licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist. One of my major roles in the chaplaincy is counseling our soldiers. I am currently the Family Life chaplain at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and love this ministry. I have the opportunity to work with soldiers and family members whose backgrounds are very different from mine. There is a level of comfort that soldiers have with their chaplain because we have 100% confidentiality with our soldiers. They can express any concerns and know we are a safe place to talk. It also gives me the opportunity to share with people that otherwise may never attend a chapel service.

I am very happy that I decided to serve our country as a chaplain. Every minister has special gifts and abilities, and I believe my ministry was confirmed when I joined the Army Chaplaincy. Pro Deo et Patria For God and Country



ON SEPTEMBER 25 over 200 family, friends, and alumni gathered to say thanks and congratulations to Phillip Alligood '64, who retired from 50 years of service to Mid-Atlantic Christian University, 1965-2015. The retirement banquet and program, "A Legacy of Service," focused on Phillip's selfless service to the community, students, the church, and the university.

Phillip's affiliation with the school began when he was only 10 and a camper at Camp Roanoke. Eight years later he enrolled as a student, graduating in 1964. He worked on campus and in ministry as a student, and took a ministry in Florida following graduation.

He returned to the college in 1965 to serve as the first promotional/recruitment director. During his time in that position, both the student body and the physical plant grew significantly. Then at his request, in February 1971, he became the first and only Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. As such, in addition to the continual upkeep, repair, and refurbishing, he oversaw the complete overhaul of East Campus (18.2 acres) and the construction of Presley Hall, Turner Hall, Blanton Center, and Myers Village.

Additionally, he and his wife, Ora Jane '65, oversaw Field Work, a carefully organized program that helped to prepare, send out, and evaluate freshmen as teams to serve the churches. He also oversaw three weeks of Camp Roanoke for many years.

Phillip's labors of love extended to the church, as well, including lengthy ministries (8, 23, and 9 years) and helping to found and work with the Eastern North Carolina Christian Men's Fellowship. And he still found time to minister to students personally and to establish relationships and good will in the community.

Amid the laughter, tears, music, and presentation of gifts was the realization that the university – and the Kingdom at large – had, indeed, been blessed by the life and service of Phillip Alligood. We are grateful.

Scott Named Facilities Manager



JOHNNY SCOTT BEGAN his duties as Facilities Manager at Mid-Atlantic on December 17. He will provide oversight to buildings, grounds, and housekeeping.

Johnny is a 2007 graduate of MACU. Prior to becoming a student, Johnny owned a construction business. While a student (2003-2007), he worked in maintenance on campus and completed the renovation of the Welcome Center and Wilkinson Hall.

Johnny and his wife, Helen '07, served eight years with Pioneer Bible Translators and have recently completed five years on the field in Southeast Asia.

Dates & Events

- Feb. 26 CCYC, Greensboro, NC
- Feb. 26 Mid-Atlantic Society Gala
Sen. Thom Tillis, Speaker
- Mar. 17, 18 MACU Rally
- Mar. 20 Sunday Night Live
Chris McCarthy '98, Speaker
The Royal Line, Musical Guest
- Apr. 10 Sunday Night Live
Roger Burns '12, Speaker
Ryan Kight, Musical Guest
- May 12 Foundation Board
meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 13 Trustee meeting
- May 14 Commencement, 10 am
- June 7 Seniors by the Sea
- July 15-29 Mission trip to Haiti
- Aug. 4-14 Mission trip to India



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| Dean's List – Fall 2015 | | | | |
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| <i>The Dean's List is comprised of full-time students (12 or more credit hours) whose semester GPA is 3.500 or above. Students achieving a 4.000 are indicated with an asterisk (*).</i> | Bartlett, Elizabeth Ashley | Greene, Emily Caroline | McCaffery, Rachel Lynn | Roberson, Samantha Paige |
| | Bueno, Sarah Lunceford | Grice, Harley Nicole | McGraw, LeeAnn Claire | Russo, Elijah J. |
| | Cabacar, Brandon Ryan | Hedgecock, Mary Elizabeth | Minter, Grace Gibson | Ryals, Martin Glen |
| | Camporese, Zachary Charles | Hilts, Jacqueline Alexis | Morgret, Abigail C. | Straing, Desmond O'Bryan |
| | Carter, Taylor Kristyn | Isler, Amy Lynn | Moulden, Michael Scott | Teetor, Breanna Lacy |
| | Coles, Anissa | Knight, James Richard | Nayadley, Morgan Fawn | Walther, Britney Nicole |
| | Cooper, Matthew Todd* | Lamb, Crystal Alexander | O'Connor, Caitlin Elizabeth* | Ward, Wendy Jo |
| | Davis, Whitley Rosa-Leigh | Linker, Kortney Ellen | O'Connor, Emily Nicole* | Williams, Salisa Brothers |
| | Dirks, David William | Litowski, Sarah Grace | Osebreh, Jackson Eden | Williams, Tyanna |
| | Giffin, Haley Susan | Lowery, Jameson Grey | Outlaw, Susan Weathersbee | Witherspoon, Lauren E |
| | Gilkes, Micaiah H. | Maclin, Leah Nicole | Parker, Michael Jahmal | Woodard, Rebecca Kaitlyn* |
| | Goss, Caitlin Dawn* | Maclin, Rita Agnes* | Phillips, Joshua Paul | Young, Lacresha Shaniece |
| | Gravgaard, Timothy Scott | Marks, Cody Robert | Reynolds, Olivia Caroline Maxey | |

68TH ANNUAL
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TIM LISTON

Main Speaker
Minister, New Hope Church (Manvel, Texas)

Tim and his wife, Jane, started New Hope Church in 1989 with no core group. The church ran 75 people in attendance for the first 6 years. By year 10 the church had grown to 1,000. The church now has over 7,000 people in attendance each weekend on multiple campuses. Tim graduated from Ozark Bible College in 1985. He and Jane have three adult children and one grandson.

DAVID WILLIS '90

Alumni Speaker
Lead Minister, Olivet Christian Church (Newport News, Virginia)

Dave Willis ministers with Olivet Christian Church in Newport News, Virginia. David is from Newport News and is married to Tammy. They have three children: Bethany, Delaney, and Preston.



SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 17

5:00 p.m. Cookout
6:30 p.m. Alumni vs. Students – Women's Volleyball
8:15 p.m. Alumni vs. Students – Men's Basketball

Friday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Pearl A. Presley Hall Lobby
9:30 a.m. **SHIFT** (Main Session)
David Willis '90, Speaker
Child care available
11:00 a.m. Alumni Meeting
12:00 noon BBQ & Fried Chicken Lunch
Catered by Topside, \$7.95 per person
1:00 p.m. WOMEN'S WORKSHOP: Jonita Shoaff, Speaker
2:30 p.m. WORKSHOPS:
• Shifting Leaders to the Next Level (Tim Liston)
• Dr. James Barclay and the Jerusalem Mission: Lessons in Missions from History (Dr. Bob Smith, Department of Arts and Sciences)
4:00 p.m. Alumni Reception — Honoring the Classes of '56, '66, '76, '86, '96, '06
7:00 p.m. **SHIFT** (Main Session)
Tim Liston, Speaker
Child care available

Visit macuniversity.edu/alumni/mac-rally-homecoming for area housing options.

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MUSTANG ATHLETICS
2015-2016 Mustangs Basketball



STANDING: Manager Jackson Cooper, Anthony Daniels, Gary Robinson, Alex Stanley, Joe Hill, Angus Spencer, Assistant Coach Charles Sims. SEATED: Will Artis, Alex Wang, Coach Allan Harris, Zach Camporese, Ethan Moore-Thompson.



STANDING: Coach Charlie Troxell, Lea Chapman, Destini Parker, Jessica Bierman, Cham Brice, Assistant Coach Lachesha Young. SEATED: Brittany Harrison, Sarah Bowles, Paige Roberson, Kamiah Gilbert, Talethia Alexander.

All-American honors for Sophomore Matt Cooper

MATT COOPER IS MACU's first athlete to be honored as an All-American. His honor came after the fall USCAA Golf Championship in State College, Pa., in October, where he shot a 78 and 79 for a 36-hole total of 157 to finish tied for 10th place (out of about 111 golfers). His score earned him Second Team All-America honors. Golf is more than just a pastime for Cooper. He says it's an avenue to ministry. Read more of Matt's story and his desire for ministry at macuniversity.edu/athletics.



Mid-Atlantic Foundation Banquet

THE FOUNDATION HELD its annual banquet on October 22. Students Chip Mabe and Travis Hunter gave testimonies how their scholarship awards had blessed them. Donors Bill Griffin and Kendall Williams spoke about why giving to the Foundation is important to them. The dinner was

donated and served by Thompson Hospitality. A new feature at this year's banquet was a "photo op" for scholarship recipients and fund representatives. Several of their photos, taken by Freshman Joshua Josephson, accompany this article.



Trish and Bill Griffin, representing the Jake Austin Griffin Memorial Scholarship, with recipient Emily Beamon



The Rehoboth Victory Christian Church representatives Beverly McCoy (left), Lisa and Kendall Williams (right), with student recipient Leah Maclin.



Jonita Shoaff, representing the J. T. and Addie Maye Segroves Scholarship, and recipient Chip Mabe



Gail Blanton (center), representing the Al Blanton Scholarship, surrounded by recipients Wendy Ward, Caitlin Goss, Jackson Osebreh, and Travis Hunter, whose daughter, Naviya, also attended

New Ministries, Service

Raffael Farrow ’87 is preaching for Albemarle Church of Christ, Columbia, NC.

Matt Smith ’05 is serving New Venture Christian Church, Richmond, Va., as family minister.

Luke Swain ’12 is preaching for Fairfield Christian Church, Fairfield, N.C.

Josh Bondy ’13 is senior minister with Triad Church of Christ, Greensboro, N.C.

Donald Waltz ’14 is youth minister with Gum Neck Church of Christ, Columbia, N.C.

Senior **Joey Craft** is serving Christian Chapel Church of Christ, Robertsonville, N.C., as youth minister.

Sophomore **Derek Robinson** is now lead minister at Langley Christian Church, Hampton, Va.

Births

Daniel ’05 and Brittany **Quidgeon:** Paisley Anne, Oct. 5

Kyle ’05 and **Kendal Lean ’06 Hayden:** Theron Pearl, Oct. 16

Brian ’99 and Cassie **McCracken:** Dax Jameson, Oct. 20

Spencer ’09 and **Allie Cecil ’10 Haskett:** Tobias Alexander, Nov. 4

Landon ’13 and Jo Beth **El-liott:** Liam Murray, Nov. 28

Christopher and **Kalyn Croft ’10 Webb:** Harrison William, Dec. 4

Attah ’13 and Jessica **Osebreh:** Galilee Shaanti, Dec. 22

David ’03 and **Jennifer Kemp ’03 Van Buskirk:** Elaina Michelle, Dec. 31

Jared ex’14 and **Kelli Macqueen ’13 Wice:** Maranatha Joy, Jan. 13

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Weddings

Herb Hardy and **Mary Thompson ex’88,** Oct. 10

Josh Bueno ’15 and Junior **Sarah Lunceford,** Oct. 10

Ordinations

Donald Waltz ’04, ordained at Great Bridge Church of Christ, Chesapeake, Va., Nov. 14

Senior **Joey Craft,** ordained at Plymouth Church of Christ, Plymouth, N.C., Nov. 29

Other News ‘n’ Notes

Joshua Bondy ’13 earned his MA in Practical Theology with a concentration in Church and Ministry from Regent University.

Pam Smith ’03 is Senior Director of Youth Enrichment at the YMCA Greater Richmond, Va.

Congratulations to **Nathan Stuart,** Director of Information and Technology and Associate Director of Institutional Effectiveness and

Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to families and friends of the following:

James Wallace (born Irek Woloszczyk) ECC, Oct. 19

Lyndell Stike ’70, November

Denise [Wood] Duke ex’98, Jan. 19

Compliance at MACU. He received his Masters of Business Administration, Information Technology Management from Southern New Hampshire University

Congratulations to Denis ’77 and Madia ex’77 Fritz, who have served at Public Fork Christian Church, Red Oak, Va., for 35 years.

Clint ’73 Andrews will be retiring from full-time ministry in the spring. He has served the church in Gray, Tenn., over 40 years.

is bringing them to maturity in Christ. Third, we model and encourage ministry to all students – those who will serve in the church and in the marketplace. A life of service is what God requires of all His children.

I am thankful to God for all our alumni who serve in the church. I am also thankful to God for those who are ministers in the marketplace. Christians are called to lead in the boardroom, the classroom, the sales floor, the hospital ward, the courtroom, and in every place God calls them to serve.

Dorothy Sayers often said that all work done well and for God’s glory is Christian work. This means we model Christ in the workplace best when we perform our work so well and with such a good attitude that we inspire others to desire to know and worship God. Paul explained it like this: “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve” (Col. 3:23-24).

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WHEN YOU THINK of the word ministry, what comes to mind?

Many of us would immediately think of the vocational ministry of those who serve as preachers, youth ministers, missionaries, pastoral counselors, or evangelists. Most of us would not think of bankers, engineers, lawyers, educators, chaplains, or business leaders as being engaged in ministry. We typically correlate ministry with those who receive their paychecks from the church or some Christian organization. All others, we think, are those to whom we minister.

Our baptism into Christ unites us with Christ and His body, but it is also a call for believers to discover and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for ministry in their daily lives. "Ministry" is a translation of the Greek word "diakonia," which means "service." Ministry of all believers describes works of service performed in response to the call of God in the church and in the whole of society with a conscious understanding of Jesus Christ as Lord.

Scripture teaches that all Christians are involved in the work of ministry. The Apostle

Paul wrote that God calls some to serve in roles such as apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. But the purpose of their ministry is “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). The leaders of the church are not the only ones doing the work of ministry. The leaders are given to the church for the purpose of preparing every member to do ministry, that is, to render service to the Lord, to the church, and to the world.

A priority of MACU’s strategic planning document, Vision 2020, states: “We educate those who serve in the churches and those who serve in the marketplace to influence the culture for Christ.” We believe that all Christians are called to be servants of Jesus. We are excited to be engaged in the work of training every student in ministry, whether God calls them to serve in the church or the marketplace.

How do we do this? First, we teach the Bible to every student. Every student that pursues a degree that leads to employment in a marketplace setting also receives a major or a minor in Biblical Studies. Second, we mentor students through chapel services and discipleship groups and trust that the Holy Spirit

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