

70 YEARS *at a glance*

This vintage-look short edition of The Messenger celebrates this landmark year – seven decades of serving the Kingdom by preparing vocational and avocational workers for Christ.

YEARS 1-10

- Roanoke Bible College begins, is “Set for the Defense of the Gospel”
- Bought first building, Wilkinson Hall
- Built first building, Faith Hall

YEARS 11-20

- Built first section of Heritage Hall
- Three more older homes purchased as dorms

YEARS 21-30

- Heritage Hall completed
- East Campus purchased
- Pearl A. Presley Hall occupied

YEARS 31-40

- Gained national accreditation, AABC (now ABHE)
- Occupied Harold C. Turner Hall
- Inaugurated second president, William A. Griffin

YEARS 41-50

- Occupied Albert Blanton III Family Life Center
- Celebrated Golden Jubilee
- Gained regional accreditation, SACSCOC

YEARS 51-60

- Welcomed Eastern Christian College into the family
- Inaugurated third president, D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.

YEARS 61-70

- Renamed Mid-Atlantic Christian University
- Enrollment records reached
- Fourth president named, John W. Maurice



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Maurice Named Fourth President of MACU

Gregory D. Hand, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced on Feb. 1, that John W. Maurice, Jr. has been appointed as the fourth President of MACU. Maurice was appointed Interim President effective July 1, 2017, while continuing as the school's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, a position he had held since January 2014.

Maurice is a retired Navy commander and chaplain with 24 years of service, afloat as Command Chaplain onboard the USS Savannah, USS Saipan, and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, plus multiple shore tours. He is from Roanoke Rapids, NC, and graduated from MACU in 1978, later earning a Master of Divinity from Cincinnati Christian University in 1986 and completing course work for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO, in 1995. He has preached for congregations in North Carolina, Indiana, and New York before joining the USN Chaplain Corps in 1989. In total he has 40 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He is currently enrolled in Regent University's School of Divinity to complete his D.Min. degree.

Upon accepting the appointment from Chairman Hand in the college chapel, President Maurice remarked, “It was extremely important to me that the Mid-Atlantic family be the first to know of the trustees’ decision. It was also important that we bring this announcement in a place where we seek God’s grace and mercy, a place of worship.” He closed his comments with a request for prayer for the school and for him as he leads it.

The inauguration ceremony for President Maurice will be May 3, details to be announced.



Students
Jenna Hatfield
and Sarah
Becker and
Admissions
Counselor
Garrett Lewis

◀ Vintage Tees Available

As a part of MACU's celebration of its 70th year, two of our best old school T-shirt designs have been reprinted. Short-sleeved, \$15; long-sleeved, \$20; crew neck sweatshirts, \$25. Proceeds from the sale of these shirts will directly fund scholarships for MACU students. These shirts are only available by pre-order until March 16, 2018, and will be available for pick up at the rally. If requested, shirts can be shipped after rally. Visit macuniversity.edu for details.

ALUMNI NEWS

NEW MINISTRIES, SERVICE

Kit Elmore '72 is serving as a chaplain with a chapter of Disabled American Veterans in Indiana.

Shannon Wagner '97 is serving as a nurse, having graduated from Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY, in December with an Associate in Applied Sciences in Nursing.

Josh Bondy '13 began working at Insight Human Services as a Prevention Program Specialist helping to prevent substance abuse.

Ryan Dent '13 is now Youth Minister at LifePointe Christian Church in Toano, VA.

Josh Bueno '15 has been called to First Christian Church, Roanoke Rapids, NC, as Youth Minister.

ORDINATIONS

Senior David Rimarski was ordained at Avalon Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, VA, on Dec, 10.

Senior Chris Santoro was ordained at Coinjock Baptist Church, Coinjock, NC, Feb. 18.

BIRTHS

Dave '06 and **Amanda Herring:** Marcella Rose, Nov. 21

Junior Josh and Sasha Holmes '15 Wood: Natalie Grazia, Nov. 29

Joe '11 and Kristi Pipkin '11 Cartwright: Maylin Marie, Dec. 1

Patrick '04 and Ashley Murray ex'09 Harrison: Amelia May, Jan. 8

Jeff ex'12 and Amy Hosman '17 Bonner: Quinn McKenna, Jan. 14

Josh '13 and Amy Bondy: Solomon Robert, Jan. 15

Brian '17 and Danika Morales '17 Cooper: Isolde Ariadne, Jan. 22

Kevin '10 and Jessica ex'13 Hennessey: Avery Scott, Feb. 6

WEDDINGS

Jim Stanley '76 and **Janice Axelson,** July 8

Seniors Benj Nichols and Junior Jacqui Hilts, Dec. 29

Juniors Josh Josephson and Ashlyn Neal, Jan. 5

Sympathy is expressed to families and friends of the following:

Jim Jackson, Sr. '85, July 20

John James '87, December 23

Thelbert Leggett '85, December 29

Nancy Hostetter, wife of former professor Richard Hostetter, January 2

Rufus Pittman, former advisor, January 19

Kenny Williams, ex'62, January 28

DATES AND EVENTS

Mar. 22, 23 MACU Rally

Mar. 24 Spring Open House

Apr. 6, 7 Preaching Camp for Young Men

Apr. 7 President's Cup Golf Benefit

May 3 Inauguration of President Maurice

May 10 Foundation Meeting

May 11 Trustee Meeting

May 11 Graduate Supper

May 12 Commencement, 10 a.m.

June 5 Seniors by the Sea

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The President's Cup Golf Benefit

April 7, 2018

Albemarle Plantation
The Sound Golf Links

The President's Cup directly funds MACU student-athlete scholarships.

FORMAT: 2-man Captain's Choice Scramble

PRIZES: Hole in 1 • 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Longest Drive • Closest to the Pin • \$100.00 per person

DEAN'S LIST FALL 2017

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 ().*

Fiona Stammers Allain	Ryan Kelley
Kelly Ann Anders	Thomas Kilian III*
Alyssa Shay Anderson	Violet Petrice Krawchuk
Taylor Hudson Berger	Jonathan C. Langley II
Tara Dawn Bird	Sarah Grace Litowski
John Anthony Bonk	Leah Nicole Maclin
Cheyenne Brothers	Kendall Brooke Martin
Cameron G. Cabe	Grace Gibson Minter*
Taylor Kristyn Carter	Lynzee S. Moore
Christopher Neil Cephus	Abigail C. Morgret
Dominic Joseph Chasse	Symphony Nichole Mullins
Bailey Ann Cline	Jessica Lynne Munding
Ian M. Coburn	KaNesha Andrieana Murray
Jackson Laine Cooper	Ashlyn Raye Neal
Lauren E. Cooper	Caitlin Elizabeth O'Connor
Matthew Todd Cooper	Emily Nicole O'Connor*
Joy Corbett*	Joshua Paul Phillips*
Whitley Davis Craft	Michael Thomas Reaves
Darrien C. Defederico*	Tammy Lynn Rhea
David William Dirks	Leah Rene' Rudd
James Lawrence Ellis	Cruz Ignacio Rueda-Lopez
Lydia Frye	Emily Caroline Smith
Christopher P. Gibbs	Sarah Mackenzie Smith
Micaiah H. Gilkes	Alexander L. Stanley
Allison E. Hackett*	Joseph Grayson Tejeda
Apryl Dawn Healy*	Jessica R. Troxell
Danielle N. Hicks	Brealle Kay-Ann White*
Jacqueline Alexis Hilts	Chelsea D. White
Gabrielle Howlett*	Serenah Marie Willison*

3 additional students achieved Dean's List but requested non-disclosure.

70th Annual

MACU RALLY & HOMECOMING

March 22, 23



FRIDAY NIGHT



MUSIC

WORSHIP MUSIC:
GREG COVERDALE '02
(Trent Woods, North Carolina)



FRIDAY MORNING

SPEAKER:
CALEB KALTENBACH (*Southern California*)

Caleb Kaltenbach is a pastor and author of God of Tomorrow: How to Overcome the Fears of Today and Renew Your Hope for the Future (releasing May 2018). His first book was Messy Grace: How a Pastor With Gay Parents Learned to Love Others Without Sacrificing Conviction. In Messy Grace Caleb discusses his experience of being raised in the LGBT community, trusting Christ, and helping others to understand that loving others doesn't require a shift in our biblical beliefs. He's a graduate of Ozark Christian College, Talbot School of Theology (Biola University), and received his doctorate from Dallas Theological Seminary. Caleb and his wife Amy reside in Southern California with their two children. He will be on campus during the week teaching and speaking.

ALUMNI SPEAKER:
CHRIS MCCARTHY '98 (*Norfolk, Virginia*)

After five years' teaching experience at MACU and over eleven years in the local church, Chris nearly lost his family and faith to the busyness of a performance mentality. What followed was a wilderness of stepping away from a ministry career to focus on rebuilding relationships with God and his own family. Now, serving as Senior Minister at Avalon Church of Christ in Virginia Beach with his wife and three daughters by his side, he is able to share a story of restoration and hope that comes from knowing God is more interested in ministering to us than through us.

BREAKING NEWS: Extend your stay until Saturday, Mar. 24, to attend a homecoming lunch and fellowship, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., for all alumni, as well as staff and faculty past and present. Event venue: Towne South Church of Christ.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT MACUNIVERSITY.EDU

Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 p.m. MACU Alumni vs. MACU Students Women's Volleyball/Men's Basketball

Venue: Elizabeth City Police Athletic League, 302 N. Road Street



FRIDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 a.m. Children's Registration

Childcare during main sessions, infants-5th grade.

Visit macuniversity.edu to preregister for childcare.

9:30 a.m. Main Session, Chesson Gymnasium

11:15 a.m. Annual Alumni Meeting, Davenport Chapel

11:30 a.m. Lunch break

2:00 p.m. Communities of Interest, Round table discussions in Turner Hall Lobby

2-4:00 p.m. Paint Class, campus scene with local artist Trina Sage

Contact melissa.lewis@macuniversity.edu FMI

3:00 p.m. Leading Church & Engaging Society Workshop

Caleb Kaltenbach, Davenport Chapel

4:15 p.m. Class Connection and Social for Honored Classes, Turner Hall Lobby

For all graduates and alumni of the classes of '58, '68, '78, '88, '98, '08

6:45 p.m. Main Session, Chesson Gymnasium

TRIBUTE GIFTS

GENERAL FUND

Steve Allen (Memory) *by Frank & Mary Allen*

Beth Bondurant, Bill & Trish Griffin,
Merritt Watson, (Honor); Steve Barnes
(Memory) *by Mark & Ellen Weber*

George W. BonDurant (Memory) *by Creighton
& Debbie Beatty, Franklin McAllister*

Dennis Crehan (Honor) *by Dorlas Riley*

Kathy A. Hayes (Honor) *by
Larry & Rhonda Owen*

Gregg & Tammy Hand, Daniel A. Jones,
Garrett & Melissa Lewis, Joan Sawyer
(Honor); Allison C. Walker, Laura B.
Krantz (Memory) *by Rebecca C. Jones*

John Maurice (Honor) *by Shirley Hasty*

Mack & Clarine Mobley (Memory)
by Philip Mobley

Terry W. Schultz (Memory) *by Beth
BonDurant, David Derrow, Earl &
Carol Hedrick, Curtis & Jacqueline
McSherry, Larry & Rhonda Owen, North
Danville Church of Christ, Steve & Mary
Simmons, Michael & Sandy Wilgus*

Bryan Smith (Memory) *by Carl
& Geraldine Smith*

E. D. Spencer (Memory) *by Dale Spencer*

Homer & Peggy Styons (Honor)
by Mary Ann Foster

James & Teresa Warren (Honor) *by
Kenneth & Meredith Kimberle*

Ronnie Woolard (Honor) *by
Thomas Woodward*

FOUNDATION

Jimmy & Shelby Bennett (Honor)
by Avalon Church of Christ

Odin & Ruby Bennett, John West (Memory)
by Bobby & Jean Higginbotham

Albert Blanton (Memory) *by Time
Investment Corporation*

Charles L. Braswell (Honor) *by
Wayne & Robin Morris*

George W. BonDurant (Memory) *by Jay
Crawley, Frank & Debbie Dodson*

Ted Clifton (Honor) *by Forrest Hill Christian Church*

Frankie DeWald (Memory) *by Edna DeWald*

Alzira Divino (Memory) *by Coon Valley
Chiropractic SC, Dawn Milliner, MD*

Lee Fields (Honor) *by Robert
& Charlotte Ouraqa*

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

Frank Fuller, Sr. (Honor) *by Shirley Vaughn*

Jake Griffin, John & Lucille Griffin,
John & Janie Swindell (Memory)
by William and Patricia Griffin

Christopher Knollenberg (Memory) *by Asturian
Group, Inc., Nicholas & Vicki Simon*

Amy Bonner, Andrew Palermo, Ashley Rose,
Brad & Sissy Giffin, Brandon & Brittany
Palermo, Brett & Rachel Palermo, Catrina
Webster, Corbin & Joanna Kuhn, Ezekiel
& Acha Fish, Jonathan & Melissa Snoots,
Nishant & Sonalie Walter, Rachel Foxx,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Claus, Ross & Holly
Palermo, Wyatt Stanton (Honor); Annie
Horton, Betty Lindsley, Dempsey Williams,
Sr. George W. BonDurant, Ida Kepler,
Jonathan Schipper, Lucy Griffin, Nancy
Hostetter, Richard Collins, Mark Shorter
(Memory) *by Rich & Cheryl Lindsley*

Matthew Maurice (Memory) *by Joyce
Maurice, Michael Maurice*

Frances Mills (Memory) *by Jerelene Richards*

Marshall & Viola Murphy (Memory)
by Emmett & Dolores Murphy

Dr. J. H. Rucker (Memory) *by
Irene and Rhoda Raymond*

Jennifer N. Russell (Honor) *by
Jerry & Joanne Norris*

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

Reed & Emily Smith (Honor) *by Robert Allen*

Dr. Bob Smith (Honor) *by Dr. Rachel Smith*

Lamira Slagle (Memory) *by Jimmy Slagle*

Brenda T. Stanley (Memory) *by Bethlehem
Christian Church, Samuel & Christy
Bower, Daniel & Stacey Elmes, Jean
Hawkins, Haw Pond Christian Church,
Maple Grove Christian Church, Patricia S.
Turner, Stella Christian Church, Charles &
Winnie Smith, James & Janice Stanley*

Harley "Tom" Wood (Memory) *by Ruth Wood*

MATCHING GIFTS

Abbott Laboratories *for Jean W. Bennett*

Shentel Foundation *for Zach Woolard*

70th Year Commencement to End Year with Honors, Milestones

Besides reaching a milestone year of 70, Mid-Atlantic is enjoying other record and milestones. Dr. Kevin Larsen, Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced that we enrolled our 4,000th student this fall. He also noted that this spring's headcount of 196 is an all-time record enrollment for a spring semester, both in headcount (196) and FTE (full-time equivalency, 171.9). Students are engaged in service, both in the community and in the churches. At press time, 30 were leaving to serve teens and sponsors at a convention that will be a life-changer for many.



MICHAEL PRIOR When the Class of 2018 graduates on May 12, they will witness accolades for two notable men of service and accomplishment who will be awarded honorary doctorate degrees. One is their commencement speaker, Michael Prior, a Mid-Atlantic trustee and president of Financial Planning Ministry, a non-profit stewardship ministry establishing wills and trusts from a biblical perspective. Based in Irvine, CA, FPM now serves 23,000 members and 75 church ministry partners nationally with charitable gift designations totaling about one billion dollars. Directing FPM for over 20 years, Mike holds a J.D. in law and a B.A. in business. He previously served as Executive Administrator of Central Christian Church, Mesa, AZ, from 1987 to 1993.



RONNIE WOOLARD The other is one of their teachers, Ronnie J. Woolard, Professor of Bible. A graduate of MACU, he returned to teach at his alma mater in 1974 following graduate school. He later earned a second master's degree. In addition to carrying full teaching loads, he has served the university and her students as printer and as a class sponsor; has served the body of Christ as a preacher and Bible teacher in congregations and camps and on the mission field; and has lived a life of exemplary service to others in acts of benevolence and physical labor.

SENIORS BY THE SEA - JUNE 5

Ben Cachiaras, Speaking
Preaching, Singing, Food and
Fellowship • Silent Auction

ELDER TO ELDER SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 22

Registration at 8:15
Seminar 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Contact advancement@macuniversity.edu for more information on these events

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