

# Messenger

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CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

*The first band of clouds heralds the imminent  
arrival of Hurricane Irene on campus.*

*Photo by Senior Taylor Everette*





## Heroes

Many heroes serve quietly. That's what they do. They love the Lord, and they serve God's people year after year. Faithfully. Silently. In this *Messenger*, I bring to your attention some of those quiet ministers. They are our trustees.

These men and women have served the university faithfully for years. Since 1948, they have served with three presidents and two academic deans. They have served the school through a historical name change. They have served the school through accreditation. They have stood beside the school through multiple financial challenges. They have seen the university transition from a single lot with one house to a 20-acre campus with ten primary buildings. They have prayed faithfully for students that now serve in 44 states and 18 countries, often praying for students before they even enroll at Mid-Atlantic. Standing firm in our Stone-Campbell heritage while welcoming students from all churches has been the result of having strong trustees. Now that the school is in her 64th year, many trustees have gone home to heaven, having faithfully served for generations. It is that longevity that has given stability and historical perspective to the Board of Trustees through the years.

Trustees have two regular meetings each year. Throughout the year, they conduct the affairs of the university via emails and phone calls as needed. I have had the joy of working with two different chairpersons. The chairperson and I meet regularly throughout the year. Such meetings are a great source of encouragement and coaching. Trustees have the legal authority and operating control of the university. One of their main duties is the selection of and periodical evaluation of the President. While they have ultimate authority over all policies of the university, they empower the leadership team and faculty, under the leadership of the President, to implement their policies.

Students pay slightly less than half the cost of operating the university. Through their personal giving and their sphere of influence, our trustees lead the way in financial support for Mid-Atlantic. They are also active recruiters for the university. They regularly send men and women of all ages to our enrollment services office to begin the process of becoming a Mid-Atlantic Mustang.

Our trustees are a diverse group. Some of them are preaching ministers; some work in the marketplace. While a couple of them are retired, they work or have worked in defense, accounting, law, government, politics, factories, engineering, sales, consulting, and so forth, bringing a rich, diverse perspective to guide the university. Men and women from multiple ethnicities serve as trustees. While most trustees live in North Carolina and Virginia, we have trustees from Carolina to Maine.

## From the Office of the President

Our trustees are spiritual giants. These men and women pray regularly for your university. They stand firm on Biblical higher education. For them, there is no compromise on God's Word. I truly love serving with these extraordinary spiritual leaders.

I ask you to do two things. First, pray for these men and women. They take their role in God's Kingdom very seriously. Second, send them a note of encouragement. Tell them thank you. Please send your notes to my attention at the school's address. In this *Messenger*, you will find a list of our current trustees and our trustees emeriti. To read more about our current trustees, visit our website, [www.macuniversity.edu](http://www.macuniversity.edu), or contact my office for their biographical sketches.

In the local church, my ministry was surrounded by various quiet ministers. The same is true here; they are the trustees. Thank you, trustees, for your quiet service to the Kingdom! I am truly a blessed leader because of you!

Serving Those Who Serve,

*Clay*

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.  
President

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Hilton O. Chesson, 1962-1990  
C. Meredith Fisher, 1962-1979  
William A. Griffin, 1986-2006  
John H. Hufton, 1982-1990  
Henry Clay Owney, 1958-2004  
Charles G. Presley, 1977-2005  
Harry W. Pritchett, 1950-1979  
David E. Rhodes, 1959-1989  
Marvin E. Rose, 1962-1999  
Redden H. Shavender, 1950-1976  
Kenneth C. Swain, 1958-1989  
Harold C. Turner, Sr., 1948-1985  
Rebecca Turner West, 1989-2009  
Pattie A. Wilkinson, 1950-1960  
Guy Woolard, 1967-1992

## Campus News

### Class of 2015: Shaking Things Up!

What a welcome! In the words of a praise song: "Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar?" Many in the Class of 2015, along with others on campus at the start of the 2011-2012 school year, did feel the tremble and hear the roar. An unprecedented earthquake shook campus and much of the East on Aug. 23, the first full day of classes. Then only three days later, campus was evacuated one day ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Irene.

The extra excitement has served to remind both new and old students – and all the MACU family – that serving God and others is paramount.

Enrollment stats at press time: 167 students enrolled; FTE 146; Continuing 115; Returning 11; New 41; Full-time 131

**The following new students were present for the welcome banquet during orientation:** **Front:** Marcus Wilson, Eric Snoots, Autrey Jackson, Matt Hughes, Julian Sawyer. **Second:** Ben Hughes, Crystal Lamb, Tori Haskins, Kimmy Naugle, Ariana Avila, Nikki Pierce, Li Li Christiani, Emily Robertson, Rachel Buike, Brittany Brooks. **Third:** Alex Mann, Michael Lantis, Alex Luyk, Cecelia Parsons, Arianna Simoneau, Abby Minchella, Carson Sawyer, Tiffany Kriss, Bethany Whitten, Michael Villardi, Aaron Vaught. **Back:** Quinn Jeffords, Evan Black, Tee Lewis, Brandon Talford, Wayne Lipford, Landon Efrid, Ronnie Lawrence, Mike Moulden, Zach Tanner, Quincey Warren.



### Rolling with Enrollment

This past summer, the Enrollment Department sent three summer teams to 26 summer camps and youth conference events in nine states. Team members had over 580 intentional conversations with middle school, high school and college students. As anyone who has ever traveled representing RBC, ECC, or MACU can tell you, these summer trips create fond college memories.

This summer, like all summers before it, had its share of long days, bad food, illness, and auto troubles. Thank you for supporting the summer teams in your prayers, both for their traveling safety and for the students to whom they had the privilege of ministering.

As we move into fall, the Enrollment Department counselors will participate in 104 campus visits, college fairs, and high school "college days" in the months of September and October. Please pray for Garrett Lewis, Jonathan Thayer, Dan Smith, and Julie Fields as they travel and support one another. Pray also for each student they encounter; pray that many students will prayerfully select MACU!

The Enrollment Department is both excited and appreciative of the many hours of labor that went into creating and executing the new [www.macuniversity.edu](http://www.macuniversity.edu) website. This is an essential tool in finding, communicating, and encouraging today's tech savvy potential students. Coming next to the website will be a new generation of campus photographs, as well as images of current on-campus activities and college life.

The School of Professional Studies degree completion program, Vantage Point, is experiencing a monthly increase in the number of inquiries and new friendships from potential adult students. Please help MACU connect to people in your personal sphere of influence who may not yet have completed their college degree or who may be interested in college level study of God's Word.





## The Long Nose of God

**Dr. Lee M. Fields,**  
Chair, Department of Biblical Studies

Everyone knows the story of Pinocchio. A puppet carved by Gepetto, Pinocchio had to prove his worth by telling the truth before he could become a real boy. But whenever he would lie, his nose would get longer. His long nose would be proof visible to all that he lied and was not worthy to become a real boy.

Pinocchio's long nose has become a symbol of lying. So, if someone says something we think is untrue, we might say, "Your nose is getting longer."

However, in the Old Testament, it is God who has a long nose! In Psalm 145:8, we read, "*The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*" This is an echo of Exodus 34:6, "*The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*" The translation "slow to anger" is literally in Hebrew, "long of nose." But the long nose of God is not a symbol of lying – that is not God's character – the long nose of God is a symbol of his patience with sinful man.

In Romans 5:20-21 (ESV), we read, "*Now the law came in to increase the trespass.*" The increase of trespass is not an increase in the number of sins, but an increase in the awareness of sin. It continues by saying:

*"But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

We learn three things from these passages:

1. We cannot hide from our sin.
2. We must remember the long nose of God – that is his character.
3. Our awareness of sin should result in the realization of reliance on God's grace.

## Dr. Tommy Oaks

Tommy Oaks is married to Patricia and the father of two grown sons, John Thomas and Jason. He graduated from Johnson Bible College (BA), Emmanuel School of Religion (MA), East Tennessee State University (MA), and the University of Tennessee (PhD). His studies at Johnson and Emmanuel emphasized Bible and Practical Ministries, and his work at ETSU and UT focused on English, Education and Storytelling. At ETSU, he was the first person in the world to graduate with a master's degree in Storytelling.



He has been preaching for over 40 years and has had a variety of experiences in the ministry, including youth, pulpit, and campus ministries. For more than 25 years he has been a full-time traveling evangelist. As a storyteller, he has told stories at a variety of occasions both in the church and in secular settings, such as civic clubs, storytelling festivals, school systems, and bed and breakfast inns. His favorite audience has been his own children, who started hearing his stories the day they came home from the hospital.

As a minister, he has served in a nationwide ministry including revivals, retreats, rallies, conventions, seminars, and workshops. His preaching is characterized by the use of stories and an emphasis on living out one's faith on a daily basis, especially in one's family.

## HELP 2012

### Preaching That Is Remembered: How to connect to your audience's memory

A HELP (Help and Encouragement for Leading and Preaching) seminar, featuring Dr. Tommy Oaks, will be held January 10 and 11, 2012, at Mid-Atlantic. "Connecting with Your Audience" will especially focus on helping the audience remember your preaching. It will highlight the importance of audience targeting and segmenting in the course of sermon preparation and the importance of the preacher's transparency in preaching.

Dr. Tommy Oaks will be teaching the class, which may be taken as a seminar (\$20) or for one hour of undergraduate college credit (\$350). Additional work (pre- and post-session) will be required for credit students.

Contact Julie Fields in Enrollment Services for registration and information: 252.334.2028 (local), 866.996.MACU, or [julie.fields@macuniversity.edu](mailto:julie.fields@macuniversity.edu).

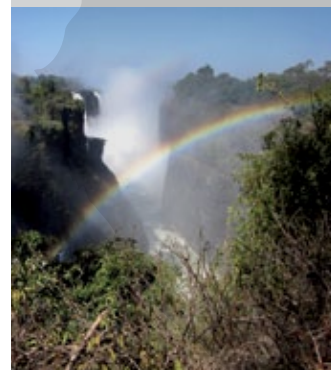
Limited on-campus housing is available for a small fee.

## Into the World – Zimbabwe, Africa

**Dr. Robert Reese**  
Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry  
and Chair of Christian Ministry

### Excerpts from the report of his annual trip to Zimbabwe, July 5-26:

London's Heathrow airport is truly a crossroads of the world, especially in the summer when people from all corners of the globe pass through it... and it was a good place to begin and end a cross-cultural experience. Of the various bits of humanity we encountered, two stood out: Muslims and Chinese. We ran into them several times, not only in London, but also in Zimbabwe. They are the new rivals to Western missionaries and business people around the world.



In Victoria Falls, where our group went for a break after the first two weeks of ministry, we saw what looked like a group of Muslim imams. As we passed by, they lined up towards Mecca to do their regular prayers in the open air. We were to see several such small groups. Bulawayo boasts a brand new mosque, even though the number of Muslims there is still small.

We also saw numerous young Chinese businessmen or technicians driving locally registered Zimbabwean vehicles... one group of Chinese technicians was being escorted by officers of the Zimbabwe Air Force to see one of the natural wonders of the world. As Western domination slowly fades around the globe, other groups are quickly filling the vacuum. Muslims seek new converts and the Chinese seek new alliances and resources for their growing economy. Both groups are flush with money, even during a worldwide recession...

The group of churches that our mission team planted from 1980-2002 planted a new church since last year in central Zimbabwe. Representatives from that church attended our annual Bible school



... The reason for the Bible school is to equip rural church leaders in their own languages, so we tried to accommodate everyone. For most of them, it is the only time of the year when they receive such training.

Children were one of our main focuses. We visited two orphan programs and taught lessons for children on the meaning of faith to both orphans and



churches in urban and rural areas. We also visited another unique venture for older rural orphans: a farm project called Ebenezer, where orphans in their late teens are taught "Farming God's Way." Along the way, we renewed old friendships and made many new friends, as we sought to encourage Zimbabwean Christians who are living in a recession so severe that it predates our own recession by about a decade. During that decade, poverty has deepened for most Zimbabweans, yet spiritual strength has increased despite being tested to the limit. We were thus also blessed by seeing how they cope with such problems, while keeping their faith strong.



Two examples come to mind: Simephi Tikha lost her husband to a brain aneurism... She was suddenly evicted from her house that had belonged to her husband's employer and had to raise four youngsters without adequate job skills. Yet Simephi persisted, working at a church preschool the past 17 years and raising her children in the faith. Tragedy struck again this past year: her only daughter committed suicide. We found Simephi still strong in faith while she continues to raise her three sons, who are training for ministry even now.

Emmanuel Mwale is the other example; I turned over leadership of the Nkulumane Church to him as I prepared to leave Zimbabwe in 2002. In late 2008 he suffered a horrible truck accident that almost paralyzed him and cost him his job at Bulawayo's main newspaper. This year we saw how he is fighting to regain his lost strength by regular physiotherapy. It's not just a physical struggle, but his spirit is also strong as he resumed leadership of the church despite his condition. He has gained weight and strength since we saw him last year and will no doubt be used by God for more years to come.



Our journey on this earth is by faith and not by sight. Zimbabweans offer us a comprehensive picture of what it is like to carry immense burdens without giving up faith, hope, or love. Please pray for Zimbabwean Christians to continue strong for their Savior, Jesus Christ.



## Mexico Family Camp

June 18-24

Several from the Mid-Atlantic family, including graduates, faculty, and staff, participated in Amor Ministries' Mexico Family Camp in June. Financial Aid Administrator Lisa Pipkin, President's Secretary Melissa Lewis, and Dr. Robbie Phillips were with the local group of 18 who traveled to the Baja Peninsula to build simple two- or four-room homes for the needy.

The unique feature of this venture is that families are invited to live and serve together. Family units lived in tents on a camp site without electricity and running water for a week. All ages boarded buses to travel to the work sites, where the youngest to the oldest found jobs to do – sifting sand for making cement, framing the walls, hammering, stretching chicken wire, applying stucco, or making friends with the Mexican children.

During the week some also helped with the three-day vacation Bible school or the free eye clinics conducted each day in different churches.



**Lisa Pipkin**, daughter **Kara**, and daughter and son-in-law, **Kristi '11** and **Joe '11 Cartwright**, stand outside their tents, dressed in work clothes and water bottles to face the heat.



**Leaving gifts.** When camp broke up, campers donated loads of pillows, sleeping bags, clothes, and shoes to further bless those in need.



**O happy day!** The campers shared daily devotions, messages, singing, and talent. Several responded to the invitation to be baptized.

## Other Summer Mission Work



**Senior Emilie Cooper** served in Bosnia eight weeks, her second tour of duty there. She is pictured (front left) with some of the missionaries and Steph Saufley '01 (behind Emilie), who visited the mission work for a week. Emilie's main duties included language learning, helping

with kids' camps, and relationship building. She said, "The experience helped me with the language more as well as making the decision to go to Bosnia long term. I was able to build on the relationships I developed last summer as well as acquire new ones."

**Junior Jay LaNunziata** spent two weeks in Brazil with Gospel for Brazil. Jay said, "I learned that the power of God is greater than just to draw us to Him in the life to come, but to make this life count and be wonderful. It was a short trip . . . but it was completely life-changing for me. It has made me more bold in my pursuit of American Evangelism." While there, Jay helped train native Brazilian missionaries to rise to the task of evangelizing their own people; fed and clothed hungry, naked kids in the village called Ubauna; and received instruction from Americans and Brazilians.

"Little Brazilian boy who tried to style his hair like mine. Loved this kid." (Excerpt from Jay's Facebook wall)



## 4th Annual Bike Rally and Charity Ride

Over 50 people came to the MACU Bike Rally and Charity Ride on September 10 and enjoyed a wonderful ride in scenic eastern North Carolina. The rally was held in memory of Bob Morton, a leader in many Christian motorcycle clubs and a key planner of the ride before his death. After the two-hour ride the group convened in the gym for lunch and an inspiring program featuring a message from Mike Wise. Students **Ryan Nosay** and **Rob Shields** provided music. Students **Jay LaNunziata** and **Brittany Meinsen** gave brief testimonies about how MACU has helped them prepare for their future. The proceeds from the rally benefited a scholarship in the MACU Foundation.

## Invitation to Dig Your Well Deeper

Dr. Bob Smith, Professor of Bible and History and Chair of the Department of Arts and Sciences, is organizing a MACU tour to the Holy Land in the early summer of 2012 or the spring of 2013. The tour he envisions is one that will provide insight to your Bible reading. This insight will bless you, and those you know will be blessed by your deeper appreciation of how God has accomplished His plan for the salvation of mankind.



Dr. Smith's love for the scriptures and for the land of the scriptures will enrich this tour. He holds degrees in Bible and Missions, Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Theology and Apologetics, and Ancient History with supplementary fields in Medieval European, Modern American and African History.

If you are interested in participating, please contact him to indicate your interest: 252.334.2018 or [bob.smith@macuniversity.edu](mailto:bob.smith@macuniversity.edu).

## Dr. Phillips to Tour the Holy Lands



**Dr. Robbie D. Phillips** (seated, center) and his classmates received a gift on the occasion of their unique accomplishment at Asbury Theological Seminary. For the first time, a graduating cohort of students in doctoral classes, dissertation included, completed their work in three years beginning to end. As a reward, Asbury, where Dr. Phillips earned a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching, Spiritual Formation and Leadership last April, is sending the graduates on a fourteen-day tour of Egypt, Jordan, and Israel in January 2012.

Congratulations, Dr. Phillips and fellow graduates!

Impact  
Transform  
Lead



## Spread the Word - Back the Herd!

An air of anticipation is filling campus as 15 players have shown interest in trying out for the 2011-2012 Mustangs basketball team. Tryouts will be held in mid-October shortly before the season opens. Two assistants have joined the coaching staff, **Joe Cartwright '11** and **Keith Lane ex '98**. Both men have a strong desire to help prepare these young student athletes to succeed both on and off the court.

Coaches and players will be introduced Thursday, Oct. 20, at 8:15 p.m. at a "Mustangs GO GREEN! Pep Rally." This free event is open to all. You will also have the chance to partner with us in an exciting journey, "Mustangs on Mission." Learn more on our Facebook page: [MACUMustangsonMission](#).

While the event is free, donations will be accepted for "Education Foundation," a fund for helping Mustangs assist local school children and schools. This year the Mustangs men's basketball team is partnering with a local elementary school, Sheep Harney, in the areas of mentoring, reading, sports, and more. These funds will help them achieve their goals and deeply affect the youth of this community. Join us for an evening of fun and help support a terrific cause.

Keep up with the Mustangs online all year. Check out the schedule on the MACU website, where results and recaps of games will be posted. Please note that there will be a small admission fee for games this year to generate revenue to offset the program's costs. The first games are at home.

View the entire season and more at [www.macuniversity.edu](#).

## 2011 Mustangs Basketball Schedule

Oct. 20	<b>GO GREEN! PEP RALLY</b>	8:15 PM
Oct. 27	<b>TRINITY BAPTIST COLLEGE</b>	7:00 PM
Oct. 28	<b>TRINITY BAPTIST COLLEGE</b>	3:00 PM
Nov. 3	<b>THE CROWN COLLEGE</b>	7 or 8:00 PM
Nov. 4	<b>PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>	7:00 PM
Nov. 10	<b>THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL</b>	6:00 PM
Nov. 11	<b>FLORIDA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE</b>	8:00 PM
Nov. 12	<b>DAVIS COLLEGE</b>	1:00 PM
Nov. 16	<b>NC WESLEYAN</b>	7:00 PM
Nov. 18	<b>GERMANA COMM. COLLEGE</b>	7:30 PM
Nov. 9	<b>CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE</b>	12:30 PM
Nov. 22	NC Wesleyan - Rocky Mount, NC	7:30 PM
Dec. 2	Davis College - Johnson City, NY	7:00 PM
Dec. 8	Pitt Comm. College - Winterville, NC	7:00 PM
Dec. 9	Washington Bible College - Lanham, MD	2:00 PM

\* Home Games in **BOLD CAPS**; Pep Rally and home games held at Chesson Gym

## Racing Against the Storm

With the possibility of suffering a category 3 storm, Mid-Atlantic evacuated campus and closed from Friday through Monday, Aug. 26-29. When Hurricane Irene made landfall, she had weakened to a category 1 storm, but inflicted damage along the entire Mid-Atlantic seaboard. We are so thankful to have suffered little damage from the hurricane. We appreciate your prayers and concern.

However, many in eastern North Carolina needed help with recovery. While Mid-Atlantic's primary role is biblical higher education, the university served as a link to connect those who wanted to help with those who were in the best positions to serve. A number of the college family, along with some from local churches, traveled to Pamlico County and surrounding areas, which were especially hard hit. They spent a weekend working with a local church and many community residents doing flood clean-up.

Mid-Atlantic Christian University wishes to publicly thank New Life Church of Christ, Roanoke Rapids, NC, for housing a number of dorm students who needed housing during the evacuation. We greatly appreciate all the calls and contacts of concern during this event.

To monitor relief work updates, visit [www.macuniversity.edu](#).

Please join us in praying for all those affected by Hurricane Irene.



Barbara Williams, and Dr. Lee Fields power down the computer lab before wrapping computers in plastic to protect them from the elements, should Hurricane Irene damage Heritage Hall. They and others also protected library books against possible ceiling leaks. The library is housed in the Blanton Center on the shores of the Pasquotank River.

Interim Library Director Trish Griffin, Dr.

## MACU Named a Fourth Time to Service Honor Roll

For the fourth time Mid-Atlantic has been named to the President's Honor Roll for Community Service. Unlike years past, this year the school was given the award "with distinction."

Five hundred eleven higher education institutions were named to the Honor Roll, 114 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction, 11 were identified as finalists, and 6 received the Presidential Award.



The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service. The President's Honor Roll increases the public's awareness of the contributions that colleges and their students make to local communities and the nation as a whole.

The Corporation for National and Community Service announced the annual Honor Roll award recipients, recognizing more than 600 colleges and universities for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs. The Corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. Well done, MACU!

## You Won't Miss Us Now!

Travelers on the Pasquotank River or those entering Elizabeth City on Route 158 from the south will now know what campus they are seeing. The new letters are on the river end of Turner Hall.



## Resident Assistants, 2011-2012

**Back:** Corbin Kuhn, Norfolk, VA; Kevin McNeil, Roanoke, VA; Jay LaNunziata, Wilmington, NC. **Front:** Emilie Cooper, Jamesville, NC; Brittany Meinsen, Roanoke Rapids, NC.



## 2010-2011 MACU Events

Oct. 2	Mid-Atlantic Day
Oct. 10-14	Fall Break
Oct. 16	Sunday Night Live
Oct. 18	Tuesday Tour
Oct. 20	Foundation Directors Meeting
Oct. 21	Trustees Meeting
Nov. 15	Tuesday Tour
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 12-16	Final Exams
Jan. 9-13	Early Spring Intensives
Jan. 14, 15	New Student Orientation
Jan. 15	Sunday Night Live
Jan. 16	MLK Day of Service
Jan. 24	Tuesday Tour

## MACU 64th Annual Alumni Rally & Homecoming

March 15 and 16, 2012

### Speakers

#### Mark Moore

Ozark Christian College  
Joplin, MO

#### Mike Schrage

Good News Productions International  
Joplin, MO

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## Gear Up with MACU Logo Wear

Mid-Atlantic Christian University spirit wear and gear web site can be found at [www.companycasuals.com/MACUWEAR/start.jsp](#). The site is a division of EmbroiderOn, the embroidery company owned by Bill and Trish Griffin. There is a wide range of products for all tastes and prices. For more information, please contact the Griffins at 252.335.2321 or [info@embroideron.com](#).





Obituaries

Sympathy is expressed to **Karen Downer Caputo '81** on the passing of her husband, David, who died early in the summer.

**Gene “George” Gill III ex’00** died at his home in Huron, OH, July 27. A member of Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, NC, George was a student at Ohio Valley Christian College and was serving an internship to be a pastor at churches in Marion and Sandusky, OH.

**Virginia Macauley** passed away on August 11, 2011, in Tualatin, OR. Virginia Mae Rouse was born December 3, 1916, in Scio, NY. In 1937 she married Robert “Bob” Lloyd Macauley in Scio. Virginia loved to quilt. Most recently she was recognized for her generosity to the Veterans Administration Medical Center, dedicating almost every day to quilting lap robes for veterans (up to five per week.) In her earlier years she and Bob helped establish the Dyke Street Museum in Wellsville, NY; rescued the small Scio Library from closing; and opened their home to many students at Mid-Atlantic Christian University. One consistent theme throughout her life was service.

Sympathy is also expressed to **Fred '86** and Yvonne **Hedgepeth**, whose daughter, Sara Hedgepeth-Osceola, passed away Aug. 22, leaving behind her husband, newborn son, and six other children.

New Family Members

**Shaun '07** and **Mary Ann Godley '07 Cooper**: Camden Jedidiah, May 18  
**Brian** and **Ginger Coltrain '04 Edwards**: Jessie Leigh, June 2  
**Tim '98** and **Cathy Weaver**: Chase Orlo, June 8  
**Daniel '02** and **Kendra Davenport**: Noah Daniel, June 8  
**Wes ex'03** and **Jessica Fenton**: Macie Ann, July 7  
**Danny '05** and **Brittany Quidgeon**: Alexis Rae, July 10  
**Matt '00** and **Jenny Andrews ex'00 Dahmer**: Owen Atticus, July 26  
**David ex'04** and **Katie McWilliams**: Sarabeth Leah, Aug. 7  
**Phillip '97** and **Karen Schultz '96 Murdock**: Brayden Luke, Aug. 19  
**Dave** and **Kathy Porter ex'90 Speicher**: Joel Ryan, Aug. 20  
**Senior Nick** and **Amy Weinhofer**: Preston Edward, Aug. 30

Weddings

**Zach Poyner '02** and Sayuri Hirata, Mar. 22  
**Nick Linscott ex'10** and Corrie Slater, June 4  
**Junior Kyle Layfield** and Sophomore **Krystal Harrower**, June 11  
**Sophomore Josh Bondy** and Amy Sinnott, June 11  
**Travis Dowdy '99** and Elizabeth Smallwood-Crowther, June 16  
**Luis Mendoza** and **Avrial Athey '00**, June 25  
**Brad Davis '06** and **Brooke Stumbo '07**, June 25  
**Junior Jared Hedges** and **Mary Peale '11**, June 25  
**G.C. Richards '63** and **Charlene Alsobrooks ex'66**, July 9  
**Seniors Buddy Holloway** and **Danielle Ball**, Aug. 6

Ministries and Service

**Mark Billiter '86** is the evangelist for Pines Christian Church, Mt. Gilead, OH.

**Rebekah Graham '07** lives in Portland, OR, where she is a preschool teacher at a YMCA child development center and volunteers in the children's ministry at church.

**Beth Fields Nosay '09** is serving an internship with Campus Christian Fellowship at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

**Drew Bromm '11** is serving First Christian Church of Columbiana, OH, as youth and children's minister.

Other News & Notes

**Josh Rose '11** was ordained July 10 at his home congregation, Gum Neck Church of Christ, Columbia, NC.

**Senior Ethan Coltrain** was ordained at his home congregation, Wilkinson Church of Christ, Pantego, NC, July 10.

**Jay Banks '82** earned a Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in Professional Studies in Education from Capella University.

**Guy Layfield '09** graduated with an M.A. in Storytelling from East Tennessee State University.

Public Fork Christian Church in Red Oak, VA, celebrated their 90th anniversary and homecoming June 26. At that time they also celebrated the thirty years of service from their evangelist, **Denis Fritz '77**, and his wife, **Madia ex'77**.

On Aug. 28, First Christian Church of Newton, NC, along with sons **Jeff '85** and **Scott '87 Patterson** and their families, surprised **Gary '68** and **Phyllis '68 Patterson** on the occasion of Gary's retirement from 46 years of full-time ministry. Unfortunately, Phyllis missed the event, unable to fly home to North Carolina from Montana due to Hurricane Irene.



Waves of second-generation students:

Some of those present for orientation were **Tony ex'01** and **Melanie '89 Haskins** with **Tori**, **Candi ex'88** and **Michael ex'88 Jackson** with **Autrey**, **David '90** and **Carol '90 Whitten** with **Bethany**.

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by M/M Rich Lindsley  
**Ed Bousman, Bryan Fletcher, Dorothy Hill, Bob Morton, Valerie T. Thornton, Linda Ward, Hilda Watson (Memory)**  
by D/M Clay Perkins  
**Jamie Brickhouse (Memory)**  
by Viola Brickhouse  
**Edwin Lipscombe (Memory)**  
**Virginia Smith (Honor)**  
by M/M Keith Anderson  
**Emmett Murphy (Honor)**  
by M/M Rich Griffin,  
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M/M John Murphy  
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by Barbara H. Owney  
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June 5, 2012

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David Beamer, Speaker

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