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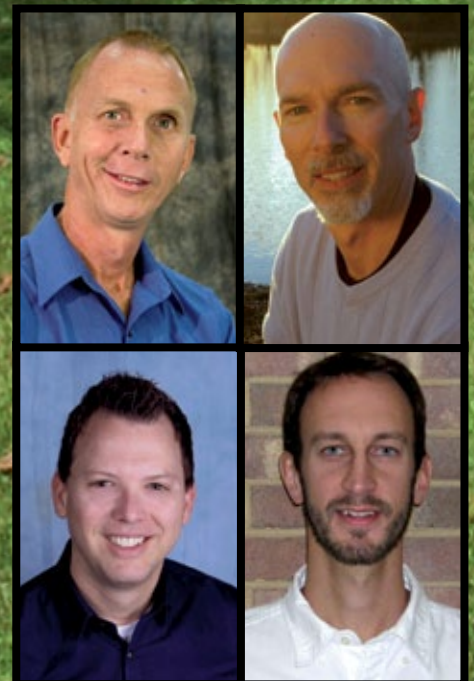
Educating Ministers and More

A Grateful Alumna in Servant Leadership

Alumni Attend Leadership Boot Camp

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*Servant leaders at MACU Rally & Homecoming
March 15 & 16, from top left: Mike Schrage,
Mark Moore, Brandon Craig, Drew Grounds*



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From the Office of the President

Educating Servant Leaders

I am glad Mid-Atlantic and her sister colleges and universities in the Restoration Movement educate more than preachers. Please do not misunderstand me. I love preaching. I love educating preachers. Mid-Atlantic has always had and will always have a passion for the education of ministers, especially preachers. BUT I am thrilled that Mid-Atlantic offers 20+ degrees in a variety of disciplines in order to influence the culture for Christ.

The priesthood of all believers has been an extant doctrine taught in our churches since the early days of our movement. We are all ministers. We have historically frowned upon the separation between clergy and laity. We have never, as a people, been comfortable with the title "Reverend" or any other label that separates or elevates the preacher in the local church. We have preached, appropriately so, that everyone is a minister. I believe in the priesthood of all believers. Prior to coming to Mid-Atlantic I earned a living by being a preacher; however, I did not think that I – "the preacher" – was more important than any other member of the body of Christ. Therefore, I am thrilled to be a part of a school that educates a wide variety of ministers, especially preachers, but not exclusively preachers.

The body of Christ has been a clear part of our understanding of the church since it was first penned in scriptures in 1 Corinthians 12. We are one body with many parts. While there would be great benefits from a school focusing on only preacher training, there would be losses for the Kingdom as well. For those schools that choose to educate only preachers, fantastic! But there is great benefit in the education of the whole body.

In 1948, Mid-Atlantic admitted her first group of students: 15 day students and 76 extension students.

These men and women possess the pioneering spirit of Paul, who desired not to build upon another's foundations. They not only are preparing themselves for Christian service, but they are also preparing a loyal Bible College with the intangible things called "school spirit" and "traditions" which belong on a Christian campus for the hundreds who will follow them through the years, the Lord willing. (Vol. 1, No. 1, The Roanoke Messenger)

The education of men and women for Christian service was part of the catalyst of this college, and it remains so to this very day. When we first admitted female students, we made a commitment to more than the education of preachers, since historically and to this day, congregations of the Restoration Movement typically do not have female preachers. I, for one, am very glad we have been admitting male and female students from day one and plan to continue the tradition of being a loyal Bible college that educates men and women for Christian service.

More than once in my ministry the "work of the evangelist" was not done by the preacher. I would receive a call from a member of the church stating, "Preacher, I need for you to talk with (name)." The truth is, many who are far from God will never talk to a preacher, but they will talk to their neighbor or co-worker. Often my role was more that of a coach to the members of the church as they did the "work of the evangelist." So I am glad we educate more than preachers. The opportunities for evangelism are far greater when we understand that we are all ministers. We are all evangelists.

For these and many other reasons, it is very good that the schools in our brotherhood educate ministers, especially preachers, and in other disciplines to influence the culture for Christ.

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is your loyal Bible College educating ordinary men and women to be extraordinary Christian leaders.

Serving Those Who Serve,

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D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.
President



Les '05, Katie Lean '06, and Roc Croft. The Crofts live in Martinsville, VA, where Les is youth minister at Stone Memorial Christian Church and Katie is working in higher education and economic development (New College Institute) and with Harvest Foundation, a local philanthropic organization. Full story, Page 7



Thoughts on Amos

Ronnie J. Woolard
Professor of Bible

Near the end of the Revolutionary War, the troops of General Washington were ready to revolt. Even though they had served so bravely and sacrificially for the cause of liberty, Congress had continued to be delinquent in the payment of their wages. Even some of General Washington's staff officers wanted to march on Congress and demand their pay at bayonet point.

Although he shared his troop's frustrations, General Washington stood resolutely against this idea. He knew that as soon as the military imposed its will on the civil government that everything they had fought for was in danger. However, despite his opposition, the movement grew, and finally a meeting was held to plan the march.

Washington made a surprise appearance at the meeting and pleaded with his men to abandon their plans. At the conclusion of his speech, there was an uneasy silence as the angry men remained unmoved by his appeal. Then Washington asked if he could read a letter from a congressman who was attempting to resolve the issue about their pay. Historian James Flexner describes the scene:

And then suddenly every heart missed a beat. Something was the matter with General Washington. He seemed unable to read the paper. . . . He fumbled in his waistcoat pocket. And then he pulled out something only those closest to him had ever seen him wear. . . . He explained, "Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray but almost blind in the service of my country."

The angry mood which had filled the room moments before began to melt away. Many of those battle-hardened veterans began to openly weep because they knew the sacrifices their commander had personally made for their cause. Yes, they were still angry with Congress, but they loved their commander more.

In the history of the world, there have been countless times when some leader faced a volatile situation which, if not handled with wisdom and tact, could have led to disaster. The prophet Amos certainly faced one of those volatile situations as he obeyed the Lord's command and left his home in the southern kingdom of Judah and traveled to preach in the northern kingdom of Israel among those heathen "Yankees." The nation of Israel had its own Civil War, and – unlike our country – the two sides never reunited. So surely the sectional animosity was even more intense than any we have ever experienced.

Perhaps that explains why the book of Amos opens as it does. Amos sternly rebuked the pagan nations that surrounded Israel for their sinful behavior. Even though Amos may have spoken with a southern drawl, I suspect his northern listeners agreed with his condemnation of the pagans. When he then targeted Judah with words of rebuke, I'm sure his audience continued to be supportive. But then he turned his verbal guns on the many sins of Israel. I doubt those warnings received the same warm reception.

Amos faced an enormous challenge in answering God's call to preach to a rebellious generation. On those days when you, too, are feeling the weight of that challenge in your generation, reading devotionally from Amos may stiffen your spine and fill you with determination to be as faithful as he.

MACU Authors



Dr. Robert Smith

"Roof Tiles and How They Relate to the Interpretation of the Synoptic Gospels"

In My Father's World: Celebrating the Life of Reuben Bullard, edited by John D. Wineland

(Eugene, Or.: Wipf & Stock, 2011), 120-142.



Dr. Lee Fields

"Can Communicative Principles Enhance Classical Language Learning?"

by Paul Overland, Lee Fields, & Jennifer Noonan

Foreign Language Annals (2011, Fall), 44(3), 583-598



Dr. Robert Reese

"Must We Earn the Right to Share the Gospel?"

The Christian Standard (January 30, 2011): 14-15.

Enrollment . . . In our own words



Jonathan Thayer, Enrollment Counselor

I've learned over the past few years that it is hard for an employee to sell a product he or she does not believe in. This is a simple truth I have tried to adopt into my personal and professional life on many different levels. A little over a year ago, when I announced I was coming on staff as an admissions

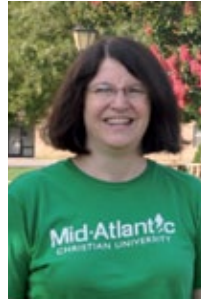
counselor at Mid-Atlantic Christian University, there were more than a few people who said they never would have imagined that I would be a good fit. To be totally honest, there are some days I agree with them. Make no mistake; this is a hard and daunting task. It is a job that requires sometimes tedious, detail-oriented work; out-of-the-box creativity; and not a little faith. In the end, though, there is one simple reason why I applied to work here and why I continue to work here. I believe in our product. I believe that Mid-Atlantic Christian University offers a second-to-none education that is focused on training our students to be successful and extraordinary Christian leaders. In my opinion, there is no better product worth selling, and I'm excited to see the students – students who see the value of our education – that God brings us in 2012.



Ken Greene, Vice President, Enrollment Services

My wife and I are in the process of raising four daughters. One of our goals for them is a good education that also develops their Christian values. A Christian university offers sound academic training and sound life training. My experience in the local

church was watching many young adults wander from the church as they went to college. I feel called to this ministry because it allows me to offer young people the Christian foundation needed to make solid life decisions. I believe in Christian education enough that my own children are aware that it will be a part of their future. Academic preparation can be found in many arenas, but Christian values, godly potential spouses, and a solid foundation for the future are more likely found in a distinctly Christian environment. I am proud to have been called to MACU and view it as an incredible opportunity and responsibility to have been entrusted with my work here.



Julie Fields, Admissions Administrator

As I read the essays of applicants each day, I see God at work in the lives of His people. I am privileged to be a part of this. I love bringing people closer to God as they surrender their lives for the purposes he has led them to pursue. My ministry here affects the students who attend, and as a result, the millions of

people who will be influenced by the ripple effects of their ministry when they graduate from MACU. My work has eternal consequences and that excites me.



Garrett Lewis, Enrollment Counselor

Though the vast majority of college-bound students enroll in public institutions (community college, college, university), there are some who desire a quality education in a setting designed to encourage their walk with the Lord. Finding those students and acquainting them with MACU

is challenging yet exciting work. Some days the emails, Facebook messages, trips, phone calls, and letters seem endless. But when prospective students visit campus, experience MACU, and their interest escalates, something wonderful begins to happen. And when they enroll and grow as a result of classes, chapel, and interaction with faculty and other students, all the work and travel become worthwhile. But there is yet another feature that makes the life of an admission counselor fun and fulfilling . . . these "faces" you have worked with for months become more than just students. They become lifelong friends.



Dan Smith, Enrollment Director

My favorite part of this job is when I sit down with an adult who, for one reason or another, has been caught up in life and has not finished his or her college degree. I get paid to listen to stories of success and failure, of pain and hope. I am constantly blessed by seeing the fingerprints of God on

each life, bearing proof that people are his treasured possessions and life experiences are not wasted. It is so meaningful and fulfilling to help people see that the past is past and the future is God's. And maybe, just maybe, MACU and her professors, staff, and students have a hand in preparing them for that next thing for which God has uniquely shaped and gifted them.

What's New for 2012

On the Road!

The phrase "Sunday Night Live" has become synonymous with Mid-Atlantic Christian University. This much-anticipated, on-campus outreach event involves area youth ministers, high school students, and current MACU students. Over the years, this event has been distinguished as a combination of great music, great teaching, and a great opportunity for student ministries all over North Carolina and Virginia to come together and have fun while worshipping God. Sunday Night Live has always striven to aim people toward God while highlighting MACU, raising awareness among students that we are an institution of higher education that is worth their consideration.

However, traveling to campus for a two-hour program is not realistic for churches that are several hours away. That is why we are happy to announce Mobile SNL. During this semester, we will be taking the same great programming on the road to these locations:

March 11 @ Concord Christian Church in Concord, NC
April 22 @ Severn Christian Church in Severn, MD
May 20 @ Christ's Church in Greenville, NC

We look forward to seeing you and your students when we are in your area. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Thayer at jonathan.thayer@macuniversity.edu or 252.202.9603.

New Partnerships

The Enrollment Department is excited to be developing new and expanding strategic partnerships with CCYC, Bible Bowl, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as the North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals and several regional home school conventions. These relationships provide our team with access to families and students who share our faith and values and who are very responsive to the value of a Christian university education. These partnerships and the expansion of our sports recruiting efforts will place the university in the forefront of more families and students than at any other time in recent history.

Upcoming Events

Visit www.macuniversity.edu for details and updates regarding all events

In May the Enrollment Department will host a "Battle of the Bands," a competition for regional bands to win the honor of being the opening act for The City Harmonic concert in November.

Summer 2012 will feature the \$10 Conference (replaces "Free Conference for Youth Ministers"). Also, the student summer teams are scheduled for over 30 camp and youth events during 12 weeks.

The Fall 2012 College Preview Weekend will feature a concert by The City Harmonic (<http://thecityharmonic.com/>).

Please pray for us, and alumni, don't forget to award your Alumni Scholarship to one student every year!

A Donation with Huge Benefits

When Hugh and Nancy Knight ex-'71 Gaddy decided it was time to buy a new car, they thought perhaps her alma mater could benefit from the life remaining in their car. They were right. Thousands of miles and scores of appointments later, the vehicle they donated has just been retired.

The car benefitted the Development Office when college representatives visited churches and donors. It benefitted the Enrollment office, which has three admissions counselors needing vehicles to visit prospective students or fulfill various college obligations. For example, this past summer, MACU had these counselors and three student teams visiting 26 summer camps; meeting 3,200 campers; and developing relationships with 581 potential students. This was partially enabled by the gift of an automobile from generous donors.

The school is in need of another vehicle. Perhaps you or someone you know has a reliable one that you would be willing to donate. To discuss this and related tax benefits, please contact Vice President for Development Keith Wood at keith.wood@macuniversity.edu or 252.334.2034.

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64th annual **MACU** *Rally and Homecoming*

Albert Blanton III Campus Life Center
March 15 & 16, 2012

- **MACU Invitational Golf Benefit**
8:00 a.m. Thursday at The Pines
- **Workshop with Mark Moore**
3:00 p.m. Thursday - "Was Jesus Political?"
- **Alumni Ladies Volleyball Game**
6:00 p.m. Thursday
- **Alumni / Mustangs Basketball Game**
8:00 p.m. Thursday
- **Coffee Connection**
8:30 a.m. Friday
- **Morning Session**
9:30 a.m. Friday - Alumni & Missions Session
- **Alumni Meeting**
11:45 a.m. Friday
- **Family Carnival**
An Afternoon of Food, Fellowship & Concerts!
12:15 p.m. Friday
- **Evening Session with Mark Moore**
7:20 p.m. Friday

Classes of 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, & 2002 will be honored!

Childcare will be available Friday morning & evening.

For more information about the rally, contact Bill Griffin at 252.334.2001 or bill.griffin@macuniversity.edu.

Rally Speakers (clockwise from top left)

Mike Schrage, Executive Director
Good News Productions, International
Friday Morning Missions Speaker

Mark Moore, Professor of New Testament
Ozark Christian College
Thursday Afternoon Workshop "Was Jesus Political?"
Friday Evening Speaker

Brandon Craig, Youth Minister
Belmont Christian Church, Christiansburg, VA
Friday Morning Alumni Speaker

Drew Grounds, Worship Minister
First Christian Church Ministries, Kernersville, NC
Music and Worship Leader, Friday Morning and Evening



A Grateful Alumna in Servant Leadership

Early this year Katie Lean Croft '06 sent the university a letter of gratitude. Nearly six years into her life journey following graduation, she reflected on some of the influences that have played a role in her growth as a servant. She agreed to let us share her thoughts with you:

Currently, I work within higher education and economic development as the Internship Coordinator with an internship program provided by the New College Institute – a state-funded educational entity – and Harvest Foundation – a local philanthropic organization. Both organizations are playing a crucial role in revitalizing our community.

Recently I was asked to speak at a celebration luncheon for my community's Nonprofit Leader's Network through the United Way of Henry County and Martinsville, VA, on the topic "Developing the Future Leaders in our Community." I spoke about the importance of creating an effective multi-generational workforce and how doing so will create a positive impact on our community, emphasizing the role of activities such as mentoring and experiential learning through internships.

After this speech many of my colleagues told me that I had stood out from the other speakers and inspired the nonprofit leaders to action. I do not tell you this to come across as prideful or to think of myself higher than I ought. But I contemplated as to why this was. After thinking about this, I concluded that the majority of credit for my rhetoric goes to the practice I gained as a student at Mid-Atlantic Christian University (MACU).

Public speaking class, combined with the requirement to speak during the chapel services once a year, served as a wonderful foundation for me, as well as other MACU alumni, to learn how to prepare and deliver a speech or sermon. I also believe that my experience with traveling and representing the school as a recruiter and studying abroad through my cross-cultural classes allowed me even more opportunity to practice these public speaking skills, whether prepared or impromptu and in a variety of settings.



As the Internship Coordinator, I tell students that every experience – both good and bad – will provide them with something they can learn and use for their future. I am full of gratitude to my Lord that He provided me with the path to study at MACU and for the plethora of experiences there. I have also become increasingly more aware and appreciative of the holistic education

I received at MACU. I believe MACU's staff and faculty have a genuine concern for the student's spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic welfare. I have realized that I received a high caliber of teaching, college education, and direct attention as a MACU student. I hope that I can pay it forward to others for God's ultimate glory.

Whether through my personal career or serving in a vocational ministry alongside my husband, I know that I would not be where I am today if it were not for my time at MACU.

I have also realized the importance of being a life-long learner and am currently working on my masters in counseling (Old Dominion University) and a certificate in Non-Profit Management (Duke University).

I write all of this to share with you my joy through this experience and hopefully to encourage the leadership of MACU of the fantastic job they are doing training leaders for the Kingdom. Thank you for being a tool used to help lay the foundation that will help to transform me from an ordinary person to – hopefully, someday – an extraordinary Christian leader.

Katie's words are both humbling and encouraging, and they highlight what an education at MACU can help accomplish. May God continue to use faculty, staff, and administrators to further His Kingdom by training women such as Katie and men such as Les '05, her husband. Katie and Les live in Martinsville, VA, where he is youth minister at Stone Memorial Christian Church. They have one son.

Rally Housing

For dormitory-style housing on campus at \$20/night per person, contact Cheryl Lindsley at 252.334.2000, 8:00-3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. See www.macuniversity.edu for more details.

Fairfield Inn & Suites
252-333-1003
www.marriott.com/orfec
888-236-2427

Holiday Inn Express
252-338-8900
www.ichotels.com
800-HOLIDAY (465-4329)

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www.hamptoninn.com
800-Hampton (426-7866)

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www.qualityinn.com

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www.culpepperinn.com

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877-435-8922
www.elizabethcitybb.com

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252-333-1792
www.gricefearinghouse.com

The Pond House
888-335-9834
www.thepondhouseinn.com

Shining Light in Dark Places

Christians are to shine light into the darkness. Sometimes those dark corners might be in areas that make us uncomfortable, disturbed, or downright scared, but we have been given this task and the tools necessary to accomplish it. This semester the Student Life department is working to help shine light into a dark corner by raising awareness of foreign and domestic sex trafficking. On Saturday, April 14, Mid-Atlantic will host a public viewing of the documentary "Sex+Money: A Global Search for Human Worth," along with a presentation by the Rapha House organization.

For more information about the great work being done by Rapha House, the movie, and this event, please check out the following websites:

www.raphahouse.org,
sexandmoneyfilm.com,
www.macuniversity.edu/event/inspiring-action.

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Alumni at Restoration Revolution Boot Camp



Joe Cartwright '11, serving with Towne South Church of Christ, Elizabeth City, NC; Sandie ex '94 and Tom '94 Kilian, www.mercy-partners.org; Senior Roger Burns, Elizabeth City (NC) Church of Christ.

Four alumni had the opportunity to be among those accepted for Restoration Revolution's Leadership Boot Camp held Dec. 30-Jan. 9 in Phoenix, AZ. For \$50 and a round-trip plane ticket to Phoenix, they spent eleven days with "men of proven ability, outstanding character, a passion for God, and a desire to invest it with the next generation's leaders" (Restoration Revolution on Facebook).

Joe Cartwright '11

I had the opportunity to hear some of the greatest minds in ministry and leadership at the Restoration Revolution Boot Camp...Don Wilson, Dean Trune, Russell Johnson, Dave Stone, Pete Kunkel, Cam Huxford, Mark Moore, Bob Russell, and many others.

Although I could spend pages upon pages writing down everything we learned, that is not what we were encouraged to do. At the beginning of the conference Don Wilson (Senior Pastor, Christ's Church of the Valley) encouraged us to write down three things we learned that were most important to us each day, everyday. I want to share two of mine.

The first thing I learned was from Don Wilson when he spoke about passion. He asked, "Is your passion hot?" He said that if we don't have passion then people won't want to come to the church we serve, let alone follow us as a leader. The second thing I learned was from Dean Trune, who spoke about spiritual disciplines (prayer, fasting, journaling, etc.). He said, "If we spend time privately, we will make a difference publicly." That really challenged me to make sure that I spend the time with God that I need and that He deserves.

Roger Burns '12

The experience of Restoration Revolution Boot Camp has been a challenging and cultivating experience. These leaders have invested their wisdom and experience and allowed us to pick their brains and to try to find some application for our ministries.

As a young pastor, I have appreciated this opportunity and only wish I would have gotten this opportunity sooner. I have learned things about casting vision, training volunteers, leading myself spiritually, and what leading a church takes from a personal level. I have heard many ideas that I will take back to my ministry, and I have gained a number of

contacts that will enable my ministry to grow. We have been challenged theologically, ethically, morally, and spiritually. It has been a great experience to hear about the victories and failures that these leaders have experienced in order to experience growth. The information is invaluable.



MACU and the National Missionary Convention

November 17-20, 2011

Thousands gathered at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta for the 64th annual National Missionary Convention. The theme for 2011 was "Commissioned: Making Disciples of All Nations." President Wing Wong of Restoration House Ministries announced a new name for the convention: International Conference on Missions (ICOM). MACU students had formed a focus group at the convention in 2010 to gather ideas for the name change, and Vice President for Development Keith Wood and Dr. Robert Reese serve on the convention's Continuation Committee, which also acted as a focus group.

MACU was well represented at ICOM with numerous faculty, staff, and administrators, along with 30 students and many alumni. Dr. Reese presented three workshops on the topics "Short-Term Missions as a Spiritual Exercise," "Short-Term Missions and Dependency," and "Freedom from Dependency." Alumni who currently serve or have served with Pioneer Bible Translators and Team Expansion helped current students get an even greater enthusiasm for missions. One student went forward at a plenary evening session to commit to long-term missions for the first time. And many contacts were made for future, fruitful growth in our mission as an institution.



Mustang News!

Gearing up for Strong Second Half

After weathering a tough first half of the season against some stiff competition, the Mustangs finished with a 4-10 record overall, but a solid 3-1 conference record. MACU competes in the Shenandoah-Chesapeake Athletic Conference. Now it's time to kick things off for what hopes to be a strong second half of competition.

The remainder of the season's schedule, as well as scores and record updates on completed games, can be found online at www.macuniversity.edu/student-life/athletics. Regular updates are also posted on the MACU Mustangs Athletics Facebook page.

Mustangs LIVE online

Not able to watch us in person? A friend of the Mustangs' program did a live, online play-by-play for two home games in January. He hopes to live stream the year-end tournament as well. To take advantage of this free service and be a part of the action from the comfort of your own home, see the game on our Ustream page: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/men-basketball1>

Dean's List - Fall 2011

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 (*).

Kristy Ackerman
 Joshua S. Bondy*
 Brittany Aryn Brooks
 Jacqueline A. Cohoon-Kight
 Olivia Crehan
 Jeffrey Landon Elliott
 Jimmie T. Everette
 Victoria Leigh Haskins
 Jared M. Hedges
 Amanda L. Kight
 Tiffany Jeannette Kriss
 Ronald Eugene Lawrence
 Krystal Marie Layfield
 Kyle Layfield
 Brandon L. Lewis
 Kelli Jo Macqueen
 Mark Alexander Mann, Jr.*
 Abigail Ruth Minchella
 Danika J. Morales*
 Kimberly C. Puterbaugh
 Ryan A. Puterbaugh
 Ashley E. Ross
 Kaylin M. Sass
 Rod M. Sershen
 Jacob T. Smith
 Chasity Michelle White
 Sarah Jessamine White*

2010-2011 MACU Events

Mar. 5-9.....	Spring Break
Mar. 11.....	Mobile SNL, 5-7 pm Concord (NC) Christian Church
Mar. 15, 16.....	MACU Rally & Homecoming
Mar. 16.....	Alumni Association Meeting
Apr. 9, 10.....	Easter Break
Apr. 17.....	Tuesday Tour
Apr. 20.....	Mid-Atlantic Society Gala USAF Gen. Roger Brady (Ret.)
Apr. 22.....	Mobile SNL, 6:30-8:30 pm Severn (MD) Christian Church
May 5.....	ECC Alumni Reunion Creswell Christian Church, Bel Air, MD
May 7.....	River Day
May 7-11.....	Final Exams
May 10.....	Foundation Board Meeting
May 11.....	Trustee Meeting
May 12.....	Commencement, 10 am Mark Magee, speaking Lewes Church of Christ, Milton, DE
May 14-16.....	The \$10 Conference
May 20.....	Mobile SNL, 5-7 pm Christ's Church, Winterville, NC
June 5.....	Seniors by the Sea Retreat David Beamer, Speaker
June 15-22.....	MACU Alaska Cruise

50 Golden Years for the Griffins

The children of Bill and Trish Griffin, Mid-Atlantic's second "first family," invite you to a celebration of their parents' Golden Anniversary.

Mark and Susan Griffin of Palm City, FL, and Danny and Carol (Griffin) Flowers of Elizabeth City will be honoring their parents at a floating reception on June 9 in the Chesson Gymnasium from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Whether you attend, the Griffins would love to receive a short written memory of you and them.

The Griffins may be reached at bill.griffin@macuniversity.edu, trish.griffin@macuniversity.edu, or 715 First Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

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Ministries and Service

Gary Ogburn '77 is ministering with Bethlehem Christian Church, Littleton, NC.

Pete '87 and **Ann Brisson ex'89 Isenberg** are in Dallas, TX, serving with Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT) at the International Service Center. Pete wrote, "My primary role is to be a training coach helping prepare people for ministry on the field. Ann is working in the Media Arts & Communications team helping prepare visual media resources for use by our missionaries."

Levi Cichorz '03 is in an interim ministry with Tranter's Creek Church of Christ in Washington, NC.

Tim Cyphers '05 is serving as children's minister for Kempsville Church of Christ in Virginia Beach, VA.

Kevin Reiver '07 is ministering to the youth at Kenbridge Christian Church in Kenbridge, VA.

Dr. Robbie Phillips is in an interim ministry with Bethlehem Church of Christ, Hertford, NC.

Weddings

Stephen Kable, Jr., and **Kym Murphy Foreman ECC '90**, Jan. 30, 2011
Ron Lancaster and **Bonnie McPhee Ainsley ex'79**, Sept. 10

Perry Beasley '11 and **Rebecca Robbins '10**, Oct. 1
Chris Sova and **Sara Biggs '10**, Oct. 8

Rich Meister '10 and **Senior Aimee LaFever**, Oct. 8

Lee Howerin ex'91 and Karen Hively, Oct. 15

Brandon Call and **Cristen Thomas ex'07**, Oct. 15

Matt Lambros and **Crystal Conner '10**, Oct. 15

Nishant Walters '11 and Sonalie Harrison, Nov. 30

Mark Goldfarb ex'05 and Laura Hayden, Dec. 3

Juniors Bryan Cooper and **Danika Morales**, Dec. 18

Kenneth Schultz ex'98 and Melissa Bray, Jan. 3

Randy McCarty '84 and **Sherri Carter ex'82**, Jan. 12

New Family Members

Daniel and **Whitney Jones ex'10 Humphrey**: Dalton Wayne, Sept. 21, 2011

Matt '05 and **Pam McDermott '03 Smith**: Alissa Nicole, Sept. 22

Patrick '04 and **Ashley Murray ex'09 Harrison**: Leia Elise, Oct. 10

Ryan '01 and **Jenny Kozora '00 McManus**: Eden Grey, Oct. 22

Bryan and **Jade Langrall ex'12 Miller**: Kaylin Irene, Oct. 25

Dewayne '97 and **Tomora Cerny '97 Woolard**: Madison Jade, Oct. 27

Kyle ex'08 and **Annie Askew '08 McGinnis**: Seth Edward, Jan. 4, 2012

Roy '99 and **Betty Radcliffe '95 McLeod**: Jayson Cole, Jan. 17

Greg '03 and **Nikki Treasure '01 Saldi**: Ophelia Lenore, Jan. 20

Mid-Atlantic Foundation

The Mid-Atlantic Foundation held a banquet on October 20 for donors and student scholarship recipients. The dinner program included brief presentations from Foundation donors and student recipients.

Jerelene Mills Richards shared her inspiration for supporting the Foundation through the Frances Luck Mills Memorial Scholarship. She started this fund in 2004 as a memorial to her mother, Frances Mills. Jerelene grew up having to scrape for every penny and she understands by experience how difficult it is to pay for a college education. Since 2004 over \$3,000 has been awarded to MACU students from the Frances Luck Mills Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Donor Bob Moulden also spoke at the banquet. Bob established the Robert W. Moulden Scholarship Fund in 2003 to help students who are pursuing full-time ministry. Bob and his wife, Denise, both understand the need for helping full time ministers as they have been in full-time ministry for many years. They were inspired by President Bill Griffin's challenge to MACU graduates to create lasting funds in the Foundation. The Robert W. Moulden Scholarship has already awarded over \$6,000 to students pursuing degrees in the preaching ministry.

Obituaries & Notes of Sympathy

Amy Haer ECC '91 passed away on August 30. She worked with people with disabilities.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of **Gwendolyn Respass Sawyer Allen '67**, who passed away Oct. 9. Gwen met Jonathan Sawyer, Jr. '67, at Mid-Atlantic. They married, and to them was born one child, Jonathan III. Following her husband's untimely death at age 26, Gwen married Roy Allen ex'81. Her family grew by three step children and a daughter, Jennifer, born to them. From these five, Gwen had 11 grandchildren. In her later years, as a single mom and grandmother, Gwen lived with Jonathan and his family, helping them with their business and caring for their home. Much of Gwen's life was invested in Christian service. She was actively involved with her church family at Plymouth (NC) Church of Christ at the time of her passing.

Rolland Steever, who served as Acting President of Eastern Christian College in 1959 and 1960, passed away Dec. 3 at the age of 94. His son, Bart, wrote that "he went peacefully in the company of his family that loved much." He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ethel. Brother Steever graduated from Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1939 and served the Lord as church planter, preacher, educator, and writer. He held ministries in Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, and Maryland. Property was bought in Bel Air, MD, in 1958, with plans to move Eastern Christian Institute from Orange, NJ. When Eastern Christian College was incorporated in Maryland in 1959, Brother Steever was acting president and remained until September 1960.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of **Roger Evans '72**, who passed away Dec. 7.

Charles "Chuck" H. Haislip ex'77, age 62, of Avon Park, FL, passed away Dec. 24 in Sebring, FL. He served in the U.S. Marines and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Other News & Notes

Robert Spruill '07 wrote the Sunday School lessons in the January 2012 Restoration Herald.

Becky Hill '08 received her MA in Professional Counseling from Liberty University on Aug. 31 and became a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) on Dec. 13. She is currently in residency.

Doug Keffer '77 recently celebrated 40 years since his ordination. He and **Dana ex'74** live in Roanoke, VA, where he has his own counseling service.

Whitney Young '06 recently graduated from Florida Southern University with a degree in English and Technical Writing.

The Mid-Atlantic Foundation appreciates the gifts from these donors. We enjoy helping people reach their stewardship goals by creating this lasting tool that promotes the mission of Mid-Atlantic Christian University. For more information about the Foundation, please contact Director Sandra Perkins at sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu or by phone 252.334.2003.

Segroves Scholarship Challenge

Eastern Christian College alumni, you have been challenged to a match by ECC alumnus Thomas Joseph! Will you all help match his \$10,000 gift to the Mid-Atlantic Foundation in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Segroves? He is contributing \$10,000 over three years into the J.T. and Addie May Segroves Scholarship Fund.

The J.T. and Addie May Segroves Scholarship is awarded to a continuing qualified applicant residing in the Northeastern USA pursuing a B.A. in Preaching Ministry and demonstrating exceptional campus leadership. Thomas Joseph wants you to join him in making a \$10,000 gift over three years. Will you meet his challenge? It is as easy as making a donation to the Mid-Atlantic Foundation with a note "Segroves challenge" on your check. An addition of \$20,000 over three years will make a great impact on the student scholarship award.

For more information contact Foundation Director Sandra Perkins at sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu or 252.334.2003.

To the General Fund

Steve Allen (Honor)
by M/M Frank F. Allen

George W. BonDurant (Honor)
by Fred J. Pressley
M/M Roger Tuning

Beth BonDurant (Honor)

Sarah P. BonDurant (Memory)
by Fred J. Pressley

Dennis Crehan (Honor)
by Dorlas Riley

Deacons at First Christian Church Ministries, Kernersville, NC
by Keith Jones

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by Gladys Dye

Taylor Everette (Honor)
by Mae Everette

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by Maxie Gavin

Bill and Trish Griffin (Honor)
by Dan Wallace

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by Corinne Herndon

Wanda Joyner Ashley (Honor)

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by M/M David Jones

Bud Larsen (Memory)
by Tina Larsen

M/M Harold Lease (Honor)
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Thomas Leggett (Memory)
by M/M Bruce Fraser

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by M/M Ken Lewis

Geneil Maska (Memory)
by M/M Charles Phelps

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Emmett Murphy (Honor)
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M/M Matthew Wagner (Honor)
by M/M Ray Wagner

Hilda Watson (Memory)
by M/M Bill Ledford

Allyson West (Memory)
by Evelyn West

Milton Whitley (Honor)
by M/M Gray McDonald

Kirby "Buddy" Wilson (Memory)
by his family

M/M James Aubrey Winslow (Memory)
by Mary Ann Foster

Ronnie Woolard (Honor)
by Thomas Woodward

To the MACU Foundation

Dr. Steve Allen and Family, Sandy Faldley and Family
by D/M Ken Greene

Sharon Baker, Eddie Dent, and Apollo Press
by M/M Emmett Murphy

Jefferson Barbour, M/M Robert Claus, Richard Collins (Memory), M/M Benjamin Dahmer, Lucy Griffin (Memory), Aaron Grosjean, Howard Hannaman (Memory), Mike Harden, Carl Harry (Memory), Rachel Hayes, M/M Gregory Horace, M/M Jack Horton, Steve Jackson, Susan Johns, Sue Lamp, Guy Layfield, Betty Lindsley, D/M Ron Nickelson, Andrew Palermo, M/M Brandon Palermo, M/M Brett Palermo, M/M Ross Palermo, Jonathan Schipper (Memory), Krystal Strawderman
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by James H. Henderson

Edwin Lipscombe (Memory)
by M/M Bill Lipscombe

Frances Mills (Memory)
by M/M Max Hutchinson
Lewis Mills
M/M William Ratliff
Jere M. Richards

Bob Morton (Memory)
by Denise Wilber

Bob and Denise Moulden (Honor)
by Betty Mebane

D/M Clay Perkins (Honor)
by M/M Mark Gass, Jr.

Jonathan Schipper (Memory)
by Peggy Tepper

M/M Russell Smith (Honor)
by M/M Marcus Abbott

Virginia Lipscombe Smith (Honor)
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M/M Keith Anderson

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for Robert J. Ourada

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for Blenda Duckworth

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for Donna D. Fisher

Will You?

Will you remember Mid-Atlantic in your estate plan? Find out how easy it is to leave a legacy.

Contact Assistant Vice President for Development Emmett Murphy at emmett.murphy@macuniversity.edu or 757.872.7357

New Foundation funds started in the 4th Quarter of 2011:

Benjamin H. and Peggy A. Allen Scholarship Fund

Help Bring Showers of Blessing This Spring!

The annual April Showers campaign is around the corner. We are asking all MACU alumni and friends to participate. This simple letter-sharing campaign has made a significant financial impact for MACU over the years.

To participate, please contact Development Secretary Jenny Rowland at jenny.rowland@macuniversity.edu or 252.334.2008. Help make this year one of our best ever!

Packets will also be available at the MACU Rally in March.

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MACU Alumni & Friends 2012 Cruise to Alaska

June 15-22, 2012 from Seattle, WA

It has been my joy to serve in the ministry for over thirty years. One church I served faithfully for 10 years sent my wife and me on a special trip. What an encouragement! Why not send your minister and wife on the Alaskan Cruise with Mid-Atlantic, June 15-22, 2012?

Jarvisburg Church of Christ in Jarvisburg, NC, surprised their preacher and his wife, Dennis '93 and Debbie Crehan, with tickets for MACU's 2010 cruise. Dennis said:

"Debbie and I were astonished and humbled by the love and generosity of the family of God that meets in Jarvisburg. At the end of my preaching one September afternoon, they walked up on stage...and presented us with tickets for Mid-Atlantic's inaugural cruise. My first response was, 'You can't do this in these hard economic times. Put the money toward...' But they said it was a love gift to us, from God, through them for our 19 years of faithful service there. We accepted their gracious offer and had a wonderful time with alumni and friends of Mid-Atlantic."

Ministers are special people. They need our encouragement and love. For information on the cruise, please visit www.macuniversity.edu.

While financial constraints may not permit a cruise gift this year, we encourage you to honor your preacher as you can. And please consider our events as one way to offer that encouragement.

-- President Perkins



Celebrating The Legacy

Eastern Christian College alumni will hold a reunion May 5 at Creswell Christian Church in Bel Air, MD. They are planning a prayer walk on campus and other activities. Celebrate the ties that bind with ECC alumni and others in the growing MACU family. For more information, contact Emmett Murphy or visit Alumni and Friends of Eastern Christian College on Facebook.

"LET'S ROLL" Seniors by the Sea June 5, 2012

Speakers:

Dennis Crehan '93

David Beamer

(Father of Todd Beamer, one of the heroes aboard United Flight 93)

Registration – \$15 per person. For additional information, contact Emmett Murphy: 757.872.7357, emmett.murphy@macuniversity.edu, or Jenny Rowland: 252.334.2008, jenny.rowland@macuniversity.edu.