

# Messenger

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# Mid-Atlantic CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



## From the President

her overseas. Our graduates excel and are in demand in the Albemarle region. Graduate **Jennifer Kelsey '99** is one example you will read about. Jennifer is a leader in education.

I wish I could introduce you to many of our current students in the teacher education program. Their smiles and passion to be extraordinary teachers is contagious. I would introduce you to **LaVon Cooper**, **Amanda Kight**, or **Rebecca Nelson** – each of these North Carolina ladies will be among the best one day. I wish you could meet **Desmond Straing** or **Questen Ragin**. These gentlemen from North Carolina will make great teachers. **Sarah Carpenito** from New York, **Emily Robertson** from Maryland, and **Tori Haskins** from Virginia will make a difference in the lives of the children they teach. If you could just spend some time with them and see what I see, you would be proud to be a part of the mission of Mid-Atlantic. Your graduates are in 44 states and 18 countries, serving God in their chosen fields.

Elementary Education is one of our twenty degrees offered at MACU. Our vision is to be a growing community of superior biblical higher education. Our mission is to impact the world by transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Christian leaders. Many of those leaders will be teachers.

If you are reading this, why not take the time to pray for our Elementary Education program? We are empowered by your prayers. And why not send a check? We are enabled by your gifts.

Serving Those Who Serve,

*Clay*

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.  
President

## Teaching The Teachers

**M**id-Atlantic's rich history in teacher education just got even richer. What has been a dream for years is now a reality – **the state of North Carolina has approved Mid-Atlantic Christian University in elementary teacher education licensure.**

We have deep appreciation for those who have worked toward this goal for years, and we are thankful for **Dr. Barbara Williams**, who walked the university across the finish line. In truth, though, it is not the finish line, but rather a beginning.

Mid-Atlantic will continue to impact the culture for Christ in elementary education. Our graduates will work in a wide variety of schools – both public and private, faith-based and non-faith based, traditional and charter, etc. Teachers trained at Mid-Atlantic will teach from a Christian worldview no matter the setting. Children need teachers who care, who believe that all children can learn, and who have a passion for teaching.

**To educate teachers, we will need scholarships.** Why not consider starting a fund in the Mid-Atlantic Foundation to provide scholarships for our education students? Your gift to the Foundation continues to give year after year. The Directors of the Foundation manage the funds in a conservative manner, and the earnings are used to provide scholarships. The vast majority of our students – well over 90% - need financial assistance to complete their college education. Your gift will benefit not only the Mid-Atlantic students, but also those they teach for generations to come. If you are interested in starting a fund, please contact **Sandra Perkins**, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Foundation.

**To educate teachers, we will need special funding.** A recent donor provided funds for a Promethean Board (an interactive whiteboard). This technology assures that our graduates are equipped with the most current tools used in teaching children in elementary school. If you would like to assure that our students have all the equipment needed for a complete education, please contact Dr. Barbara Williams, Professor of Education.

In this Messenger you will read about one of our current students and one of our graduates in education. **Chloe Lackey** has a passion for teaching. One of her internships will take

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elementary education.*



## Elementary Ed Major Gains Experience Overseas

Senior Chloe Lackey, pictured above and on the cover, is taking an extra opportunity to serve and teach this summer. She will be in Vietnam five weeks with Teach Overseas ([teachoverseas.org](http://teachoverseas.org)), teaching public school students English. Chloe plans to work overseas following graduation.

Although the short-term trip is not required in her program of study, Chloe's desire to serve the Lord and her future students well fueled her determination to make the summer trip. Chloe exemplifies the kind of teacher Mid-Atlantic seeks to train and to send around the block and around the world.



## An Interview with Dr. Barbara Williams

Associate Professor of Elementary Education



**Dr. Kevin Larsen**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, recently announced that the State of North Carolina Department of Public Instruction approved our Elementary Education program as a teacher licensure program. He said, "Many thanks go to **Dr. Barbara Williams** and the work she has done in putting the program together and writing all the documentation."

Dr. Williams provided more information about MACU's teacher education in the following interview:

**Question:** Now that you have the elementary education program approved for licensure, what is next?

**Williams:** We have to concentrate on doing what we said we would do. We have booklets to write, technology to expand (we have installed an interactive whiteboard and a document reader), field experiences to create, as well as partnerships to develop with local school systems.

**Question:** What makes your program unique?

**Williams:** We have recruited the best local classroom teachers to teach for us in several areas in order to make MACU courses meaningful for our students. We have more field experiences than most universities; such experiences are recommended by all the research that is published on the subject of teacher training.

**Question:** Is the design of your elementary education program modeled after current research?

**Williams:** Absolutely. In the May issue of Educational Leadership, Gary Chesley and Janice Jordan write about "What's Missing from Teacher Prep." A basic

need for pre-service teachers is emphasizing specific professional habits such as reflecting teaching effectiveness and learning to design interventions when students experience difficulties. MACU offers opportunities to determine the impact on learning through a reflective process. Pre-service teachers write what went well and what could change about teaching their units. A pre- and post-test for a unit taught gives quantitative data on what was learned and who still needs help. Our students determine which instructional strategies to use to ensure all students can meet objectives of lessons.

**Question:** Is there anything else that indicates the program is focused on the right things?

**Williams:** The article suggests pre-service teachers need to provide field experiences as early as the second semester, freshman year. Our students do two 15-hour observations with logs and journals for their experiences. Students are also required to do a three-week field experience, teaching while receiving feedback. Also, the article suggested developing a cohort group of pre-service teachers to develop collegial behavior. Our "partnership" semester (with students in the schools half day and in class half day) occurs before student teaching. Here, students complete a Teacher Work Sample (TWS) to create a record of how the student thinks in this new role of teacher.

**Question:** What is a TWS?

**Williams:** The portfolio helps direct teacher candidates in their thinking like a teacher. It is nationally used and shows that the candidates have a true grasp on what teaching and learning are all about ([www.uni.edu/itq/RTWS/index.htm](http://www.uni.edu/itq/RTWS/index.htm)). Our program is modeled after some very powerful programs from across the nation. We are confident that as we put MACU's teacher candidates through the program, we will develop powerful, extraordinary Christian leaders to work in elementary schools throughout the world.

Dr. Williams also noted that the first five graduates in the new program will receive their degrees in 2013, and one of those, **Rebecca Nelson**, is president of the student body next year.

## Kelsey Named "Most Inspiring Teacher"

Serving as Adjunct Instructor

Congratulations to **Jennifer Hitch Kelsey '99** (far right) on being voted America's Most Inspiring Teacher and winning a \$10,000 grant for her school. She teaches special needs students at Camden (North Carolina) Intermediate School. The contest was sponsored by a nationally known beverage company. Two years ago she was also voted Camden County Teacher of the Year.

Jennifer graduated from Mid-Atlantic in 1999 with a minor in elementary education. This fall she will serve Mid-Atlantic as an adjunct instructor, teaching the class Special Needs Students in the elementary education major. Congratulations and welcome, Jennifer.





## Thinking Biblically

### Summer Fruit - A Bad Omen?

Dr. Lee M. Fields, Ph.D.

Watermelon, peaches, grapes, cantaloupes, homegrown tomatoes. Summer fruit! A good thing; something everyone looks forward to. Residents of ancient Israel looked forward to summer fruit, too. It was a time of joy and feasting. We read about summer fruit in Amos 8:1-2a (ESV): "This is what the Lord God showed me; behold, a basket of summer fruit. And he said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.'"

However, the passage takes an unexpected turn in v. 2b: "Then the Lord said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.'"

How did this wonderful image of summer fruit lead into a prophecy of destruction?

Perhaps your version has a footnote that says the word for summer fruit (qayits) sounds like the word for end (qets). God uses a vision to get Amos to utter a word that becomes a prompt for the proclamation of judgment. The irony of the joyful image of summer fruit becoming a proclamation of doom is powerful.

In v. 3, the Lord describes the severity of the judgment: "'The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,' declares the Lord God. 'So many dead bodies!' 'They are thrown everywhere!' 'Silence!'"

"Wailings" are cries of agony; the verb "shall become wailings" is in Hebrew heylilu. This may be another word play with the similar sounding Hebrew word (known even to English speakers), hallelu, meaning "praise!" The songs in the temple are not going to be praises, but cries of agony.

God sent Amos to Israel when Israel, the northern kingdom, was prospering under the capable but ungodly rule of Jeroboam II. In spite of apparent prosperity, Israel was not in God's favor because of sins: the oppression of the poor, the violation of the Sabbath, greed, dishonesty, and just plain meanness. Israel looked like summer fruit. But in reality, their end was near. Within 30 years Israel was destroyed, never to be reformed into a nation.

The Israelite nation existed to bring the Messiah into the world. To accomplish that mission, the people were to be a nation separate from all the others in ethics and theology. As a result, they missed out on the blessing of participating in that mission.

This is the principle: to be used in God's purpose, his people must remain faithful to their calling. In Christ alone we Christians find our way and our service to the Lord. The Lord's church is still called to ethical and theological separation from the world. We must remain faithful to what God has called us to, or we will miss out on the blessing of being used by him.

May God help us to be and to produce disciples of Christ marked by these same qualities. When people see us, may we be a basket of fresh summer fruit that truly brings a sweet taste to the lips of our God.

Paul could draw upon this inborn sense of right and wrong available to all mankind. But he had an even more reliable standard by which to distinguish right from wrong. He was able to maintain a "good conscience" through his devotion to the teachings of God's Word, first as a faithful follower of Judaism and then as a disciple of Jesus.

When your conscience is educated by the Word of God, then it can successfully fulfill God's two-fold purpose for implanting this moral law upon our hearts:

1. Discourage evil behavior
2. Encourage good behavior

As a nation, we recently observed Presidents Day in honor of two of our greatest leaders, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. One of the reasons these two men are so revered is that their consciences were so strongly influenced by the Word of God. Lincoln expressed it well when he wrote:

*"I desire to so conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall have at least one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me."*

Your conscience cannot be a fully reliable guide until it has been properly guided by God's Word.

# Academic Accolades

# congratulations

## Dr. Bob Smith, Teacher of the Year

Professor of Bible and History and Chairman  
of the Department of Arts and Sciences



**Dr. Bob Smith's** colleagues chose him for this year's honor, one that is richly deserved. "Dr. Bob" has an impressive resume (BA, MA, MDiv, MA, PhD), a long list of publications, and numerous professional activities, not the least of which is being Chief Archaeologist of the Abila (Jordan) Archaeological Expedition. But most telling is his own statement regarding educators:

"Educators need to practice what they teach. I have admired through the years those instructors who have been simultaneously highly knowledgeable in their field and humble practitioners of what they teach in the University of Life."

His students and colleagues revealed that he is such a man:

He is consistent in his walk in life with the ideas he teaches. He has a real love for the people in Elizabeth City and has opened the eyes of students to serving opportunities. He is among the first to make a suggestion to aid in the community or [show us how] we can give back either as a school or as an individual. He lives his life with others in mind.

Dr. Bob has not only taught Bible and history well, but has also done an amazing job teaching Christian morals, ethics, and service for the Kingdom.

I never felt that Dr. Bob was teaching just to teach and pass on information, but he was teaching to pass on wisdom and things that would help grow and prepare his students for their lives serving Jesus Christ.

In my life I've only had three answers to the question: "Who is the smartest person alive?" As a child, my answer was my dad. Quickly my answer changed as a teen to myself. But from the very moment I met Dr. Bob, I knew he was the smartest person I know. . . . Not only is Dr. Bob the smartest person I know, but he's also one of the most caring individuals. . . . At Mid-Atlantic Christian University there is a wealth of role models, and at the top of the list is Dr. Bob.

Dr. Bob is an unambiguous model of what a Christian leader should be. He is a leader in his local church, a mentor of students, a friend to strangers, a helper of the needy, a server of the community, as well as a scholar and teacher.

## Dr. Robert Reese

Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry



**Dr. Robert Reese** has had his second article published in 2011. He continues to make a number of significant contributions to missions, both in service and in publication, which is a ministry to Christendom at large. His article "Western Missions and Dependency" appears in *Missio Dei* 2.2 (August 2011). <http://missiodeijournal.com/md-2-2/81>

## Don McKinney

Associate Professor of Counseling and Chairman  
of the Department of Marketplace Ministry



Congratulations to Professor **Don McKinney** as he recently passed the qualifying exam to become a Certified Family Life Educator with the National Council on Family Relations.



Valedictorian **Jacqueline Alexandra Cohoon-Kight**  
and Salutatorian **Rod M. Sershen**



# Class of 2012



**Brian E. Barr**  
BS/Preaching Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**McArthur Britt, Sr.**  
BS/Preaching Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Stephen M. Brooks**  
BS/Biblical Exposition,  
Worship & Music Ministry



**Roger E. Burns II**  
BA/Preaching Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Irving R. Cohoon, Jr.**  
BS/Preaching Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**J. Alexandra Cohoon-Kight**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
BS/Counseling & Psychology,  
Biblical Studies



**Emilie R. Cooper**  
BS/Cross-Cultural Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**James S. Fulford III**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Arthur L. Holloway IV**  
BA/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition, Counseling



**Danielle Holloway**  
BS/Leadership & Administration,  
Biblical Studies, Cross-Cultural  
Ministry



**Aimee L. Meister**  
BA/Applied Linguistics,  
Biblical Studies



**Rynne K. Nosay**  
BS/Leadership & Administration,  
Biblical Studies, Worship &  
Music Ministry



**Jacob R. Okerlund**  
BS/Counseling & Psychology,  
Biblical Studies



**Kimberly C. Puterbaugh**  
BA/Applied Linguistics,  
Biblical Studies



**Ryan A. Puterbaugh**  
BS/Cross-Cultural Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Kaylin M. Sass**  
*Cum Laude*  
BA/Cross-Cultural Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Rod M. Serphen**  
*Cum Laude*  
BS/Leadership & Administration,  
Biblical Studies



**Judson L. Simpson**  
BA/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition; CFLE



**Kevin M. Skiffington**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**J. Christopher Stanley**  
BS/Leadership & Administration,  
Biblical Studies, Preaching  
Ministry



**Luke B. Swain**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition, Counseling



**Christopher W. Williams**  
BS/Preaching Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Zachary P. Woolard**  
BS/General Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Erin Nikole Barber**  
Assoc/App Science



**Krystal M. Layfield**  
*Cum Laude*  
Assoc/Biblical Studies



**Stephanie S. Stanley**  
Certificate/Family Life Education

## Graduates of the Class of 2012 whose degrees were conferred previously

**David L. Scott III**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition, Counseling  
(Conferred January 2012)

**J. Taylor Everette**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
(Conferred January 2012)

**Joseph L. Schools**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
(Conferred January 2012)

**Steven M. Simmons**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
(Conferred August 2011)



**Arthur "Buddy" & Danielle Holloway**



## Class of 2012: 'Love Shares the Good Stuff'

"Love shares the good stuff" was commencement speaker Mark Magee's (Senior Minister, Lewes Church of Christ, Milton, DE) message at commencement May 12. He challenged graduates to live their mission and impact their culture, citing Andrew's example in the New Testament to seek, find, and share.

Thirty graduates comprise the Class of 2012, including the four whose degrees were conferred in August and January, raising the total of Mid-Atlantic graduates to 1,952 (1,195 legacy RBC/MACU and 757 legacy ECI/ECC). Class speakers were Valedictorian **Jacqueline Alexandra Cohoon-Kight**, and **Rod M. Sershen** and **Kaylin M. Sass**, who delivered salutatory addresses.



Garrett & Melissa Lewis

Honors and recognitions include service longevity awards:

Enrollment Counselor **Garrett Lewis** and President's Secretary **Melissa Lewis**, 40 years; Receptionist **Cheryl D. Lindsley**, 25 years; **Dr. Lee M. Fields**, Professor of Bible and Chairman of the Department of Biblical Studies, 15 years; and Development Secretary **Jenny E. Rowland**, 10 years.

Trustees honored were **W. Keith Tankard**, 20 years; **Gregory D. Hand** and **William C. McCracken**, 15 years.

Juniors **Danika J. Morales Cooper** and **Kyle Layfield** earned the rank of first marshal and second marshal, respectively.



Cheryl Lindsley

## Sawyer Retiring, Teske Hired



After 42 years of service, Registrar **Joan Sawyer** will be retiring from her full-time position at Mid-Atlantic on June 30. The university will miss Miss Sawyer's abilities in managing an office that fluctuates with the changing demands of higher education. Students and staff alike will miss her warm and friendly leadership in this important office. She will be honored at a retirement banquet in August and featured in the next issue of *The Messenger*.

**Yolanda Teske** has accepted a call to be MACU's next registrar. Miss Teske has lived in Minnesota all of her life. She graduated from Crossroads College (formerly Minnesota Bible College) in Rochester, MN, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Education. She continued her education and graduated with a Master of Arts degree from Bethel University in Organizational Leadership. She has worked at Crossroads College as the bookkeeper since 2003 and done some adjunct teaching. She will begin working in July. Miss Sawyer will continue part-time for several months to help train and acclimate Miss Teske.



## Honors Chapel Award Recipients

The following people were recognized at Honors Chapel on May 2

### Discipleship Group Christian Leadership

Eric Allen	Jenny Nunez
Bobby Cohoon	Attah Osebreh
Danika Cooper	Kevin Skiffington
Emilie Cooper	Luke Swain
Chloe Lackey	D.J. Waltz
Jay LaNunziata	

### Intramural Sports

Corbin Kuhn, Kevin McNeil  
Volleyball Champs: Joe and Kristi Cartwright,  
Aaron Stokes, Katie Webb, Zach Woolard

### MACU Disaster Assistance Response Team

*Hurricane relief work, both trips:* Evan Black,  
Wayne Lipford, Brittany Meinsen, Jenny Nunez

*One trip:* Ariana Avila, Brittany Brooks, Matt Hughes, Corbin Kuhn, Jay LaNunziata, Questen Ragin, Eric Snoots, Michael Villardi, D.J. Waltz

### Cross-Cultural Ministry Award

Emilie Cooper, Kaylin Sass

### Leadership and Administration Award

Rod Sershen

### Stone-Campbell Journal Promising Scholar Award (Biblical Studies)

Craig Layfield

### Student Life Committee

For exceptional leadership:  
President Ethan Coltrain, Rebecca Hail,  
Rebecca Nelson, Rachel Buike,  
Jay LaNunziata, Emilie Cooper, Jared Wice

*Officers for 2012-13:* President Rebecca Nelson,  
Vice President Jared Wice

### Studies in Biblical Languages Award

Reed Smith, MACU-Zondervan Greek Award

### Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Irving R. Cohoon, Aimee L. Meister, Kimberly C. Puterbaugh, Rod M. Sershen, J. Christopher Stanley

### Youth & Family Ministry

Judson Simpson, Luke Swain

Impact  
Transform  
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## Dean's List Spring 2012

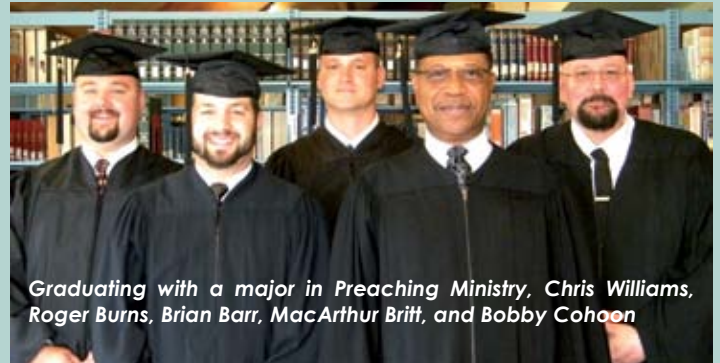
The Dean's List is comprised of full-time students (12 or more credit hours) whose semester GPA is 3.500 or above. Students achieving a 4.000 are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

Joshua Scott Bondy*	Brandon L. Lewis
Brittany Aryn Brooks	Mark Alexander Mann, Jr.*
Sarah A Carpenito	Abigail Ruth Minchella
Christopher Bradley Cherry	Kimberly Laura Naugle
Jacqueline A. Cohoon-Kight*	Jacob R. Okerlund
Bryan E. Cooper	Attah Djogoessah Osebreh
Danika J. Morales Cooper*	Cecelia Elizabeth Parsons
Olivia Crehan	Charlene Danielle Riddick
Kathryn Lorraine Hackett	Ashley E. Ross
Victoria Leigh Haskins	Rod M. Serphen
Amanda L Kight	Judson Simpson
Tiffany Jeannette Kriss	Jacob T. Smith
Ronald Eugene Lawrence	Chasity M. White*
Kyle Layfield	Sarah J. White*

## Enrollment Department

Spring 2012

During graduation season staff and faculty awarded "Scholastic Merit" and "Christian Character and Leadership" scholarships to deserving students in ten states. The Merit Scholarship can reach to \$20,000 over four years; the Christian Character and Leadership Scholarship is a \$10,000 or \$15,000 award. Please use your alumni scholarship! Call the Enrollment Office for directions on how to give a deserving student an \$8,000 gift every year.



*Graduating with a major in Preaching Ministry, Chris Williams, Roger Burns, Brian Barr, MacArthur Britt, and Bobby Cohoon*

## Mid-Atlantic Foundation News

Mid-Atlantic Foundation is pleased to highlight the newest Foundation fund, the Benjamin H. and Peggy A. Allen Scholarship, started in December 2011. The Allens wanted to help a student from their home church, Northampton Church of Christ. Ben and Peggy talk about their motivation for establishing this fund.

In this day and age, mankind has moved far from "The Way" that results in a right relationship with our creator. How can we help others regain or develop this relationship? We need look no further than Matthew chapter 28, where Jesus commands His disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." This command applies today. First, if you are a Christian, remember that someone shared the Good News with you. Go and do likewise. Second, help prepare someone to go and make disciples. Funds generated by this scholarship will be used to prepare men and women to go and make disciples of all nations. Peggy and I encourage each of you to establish a scholarship today or through your estate for the purpose of preparing men and women to take the Good News to all nations. We close with Romans 10:13-15, which includes the following: "...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved..." and "...how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news..."

For more information about the Foundation, please contact Director **Sandra Perkins** at [sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu](mailto:sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu) or by phone 252.334.2003.



*Ben & Peggy Allen*



*Dr. Robbie Phillips, advisor of the preaching program, prays with some of the preaching majors during Honors Chapel May 2. (Dr. Phillips, Chris Stanley, Bobby Cohoon, Chris Williams, Brian Barr)*



## 2012 MACU Events

Aug. 14 .....	Tuesday Tour
Aug. 13-17 .....	Fall Intensives
Aug. 17-19 .....	New Student Orientation
Aug. 19 .....	Sunday Night Live
Aug. 20 .....	Classes Begin, 5 pm
Aug. 21 .....	Convocation Chapel, 9:30 am
Sept. 8 .....	Bikers Rally
Sept. 20 .....	Tuesday Tour
Oct. 2 .....	Mid-Atlantic Day
Oct. 8-12 .....	Fall Break
Oct. 14 .....	Sunday Night Live
Oct. 18 .....	Tuesday Tour
Oct. 18, 19 .....	Trustees Meeting
Nov. 9 .....	City Harmonic Concert
Nov. 21-23 .....	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 10-14 .....	Final Exams

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## Two Intensives in August

The following courses are being offered as intensives during the week preceding fall semester, Aug. 13-17. Course descriptions are available on the MACU website under the Academics tab. To register for these courses, contact Enrollment Services at 252.334.2028 or 866.996.MACU.

**Richard Chowning**, currently a church planting consultant with Pioneer Bible Translators, is a new adjunct instructor. He has been a missionary in Benin, West Africa, and Kenya, East Africa. He earned his M.A. in Missions from Abilene Christian University and a B.A. in Religion from Pepperdine University.

### CC387-1

**Cross-Cultural Communication – Chowning**, 3 credit hours

M: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; T-Th: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; F: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### WM251-1

**What is Worship? – Loveall**, 3 credit hours

M: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; T-Th: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; F: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Lady Mustangs Thunder into Town; Cisero to Coach



The Mustang family grows with the addition of Coach **Michael Cisero**, who will be restarting the women's basketball program. Although his duties officially begin in July, he and his family have already moved to Elizabeth City. And he began the groundwork months before that.

By Tuesday Tour on April 17, sixteen potential basketball recruits were on campus. Ten of them were young

ladies considering attending MACU and playing a role in reestablishing Lady Mustangs' basketball this fall.

Coach Cisero is a native of Fayetteville, NC, and played for MACU during the 2004-05 season. He later became a coach while serving in the U.S. Army. Michael and his wife, Elizabeth, have two sons.

The local paper, *The Daily Advance*, introduced Cisero to the community, excerpted here:

A decorated veteran who had his military career ended by a combat injury, Cisero coached men's and women's teams in Germany and Iraq while deployed and has recently coached youth teams in Kannapolis, where he currently resides, and the Charlotte area.

"I would not be the man I am today without God in my life and the positive influence I received from my time spent at Mid-Atlantic Christian," he said. "Some of the things I will bring to this position are things that MACU represents already - a great family atmosphere, outstanding character and strong academic principles." (By Sports Editor Chic Riebel, Mar. 12, 2012)

## Alligood Named Athletic Director



**Dr. Ken Greene**, Vice President for Enrollment Services, announced that **Neal Alligood '98** has been hired as Mid-Atlantic's first full-time Athletic Director. Neal is a graduate who has served the institution faithfully as a student, employee, and alumnus. His experience ranges from athletics, to campus ministry, and to the local church. His responsibilities include continuing as men's basketball coach and actively recruiting athletes who desire a university with strong Christian and academic standards.



## New Ministries and Service

**Danny Stalls '74** is now ministering with New Hope Church of Christ, Richmond, VA.

**Jeff Bennett '94** moved to Verve Church, Las Vegas, NV, as executive pastor.

**Mike Clear '96** has accepted a call to serve Real Life Church in Santa Clarita, CA, as Director of Weekend Services.

**Nick Vipperman '98** has been called to serve Galilee Christian Church in Jefferson, GA.

**Chip '99** and **Meggan Ward** are moving to Elmhurst, IL, near Chicago to serve with a church planting team. After serving several years in a part-time capacity, **James Scheffler '03** has been called as full-time youth minister to West Belhaven Church of Christ, Belhaven, NC.

**Levi Cichorz '03** is now serving Union Grove Church of Christ, Pantego, NC, as associate minister.

**Tyler Brooks '08** is Youth and Family Minister at Cary Christian Church, Cary, NC.

**Joe Cartwright '11** has been called to be Family Minister with Son Rise Church of Christ, Kill Devil Hills, NC.

**Jamie Fulford '12** is youth minister at Gold Point Church of Christ, Robersonville, NC.

**Steve Simmons '12** is working for the Middlesex, CT, YMCA in the before and after school programs. He serves with the youth pastor at Hillside Community Church in Bristol, CT.

**Luke Swain '12** has been called to serve Englewood Christian Church, Jacksonville, FL, as student/youth minister.

Senior **Kevin McNeil** is ministering to youth at Philippi Church of Christ, Creswell, NC.

## Ordinations

**Luke Swain '12** at Philippi Church of Christ, Creswell, NC, June 3  
Senior **Corbin Kuhn** at Colonial Heights Church of Christ, Norfolk, VA, June 10

## Weddings

Jimmy Watts and **Amy Walton '07**, Apr. 14  
Freshman **Eric Poyner** and Nefertiti Bruce, May 5  
Jacob Smith and **Elizabeth Vahey '11**, May 19  
Senior **Rob Shields** and **Kaylin Sass '12**, May 26  
**Jamie Fulford '12** and **Brittany Phillips ex'12**, June 2

## Obituaries & Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Grace Sullivan Kendall '52 and family on the passing of her husband, **William "Bill" A. Kendall**, Jan. 22. Bill and Grace served Mid-Atlantic many years as advisor and ladies auxiliary members representing Rosemary Church of Christ in Washington, NC. They faithfully attended college events, and when Bill began pursuing photography in earnest, he recorded those events and shared his photographs generously.

**Michael Talbot Jefferson ex '68** died Feb. 13 at his home in Pinetown, NC. He was born in Newport News, VA. After graduating from Washington (NC) High School, he attended Mid-Atlantic. Later he served his country in the U.S. Navy. Mike is survived by a brother, Elwood, and a sister, Brenda J. Adams, and their families.

**Trustee Emeritus Marvin Royal Rose** died Mar. 5 at his home in Pantego, NC. He was born in 1916 and in 1935 married his sweetheart, Dorothy Cooper Rose, who survives. Brother Marvin was a member of Wenona Church of Christ in Pantego, where he worshipped and served many years. He served on the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees at Mid-Atlantic for 37 years. The Roses opened their home to many student preachers from the college as they prepared to enter the ministry. He was a Charter Member of the Pungo Ruritan Club, an active member for 50 years and an honorary member until his death. Sympathy is expressed to his many family members, which include his wife of 76 years and several who have attended Mid-Atlantic: daughter Marianna Rose Phelps ex'79; grandchildren Jennifer McCants Borgaila '89 and David F. McCants '91, and their spouses.

Sympathy is expressed to Clyde Dalton '67, whose wife, **Madeline Dalton ex'69**, died Mar. 8 following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Madeline served faithfully alongside Clyde in ministry, particularly at New Found Church of Christ in Glen Allen, VA, where Clyde continues to serve. They have four children (one deceased) and four grandchildren.

**Sandra Wray Thomas Powell ex'67** of Raleigh, NC, passed away Mar. 11. The daughter of Enola S. Thomas and the late John T. Thomas, she met her future husband, Richard Powell ex '67, at the Elizabeth City Church of Christ in 1963. They were married in 1964 by her minister father. Sandra was an accomplished pianist and shared her passion for music by serving in local churches, performing in restaurants, and teaching hundreds of students. She and Richard have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Sympathy is expressed to Ruth Jones Headen '88 on the death of her brother **Burl Stephen Brinn** in March.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of **Gary Lee Plummer ECC ex'70**, who died Apr. 7. Gary retired as a procurement agent working with the U.S. Department of Defense. He was a member of Abbeyville Road Christian Church in Lancaster, PA, and also attended Grace Community Church. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Bonnie Zellman Plummer ECC ex'69.



## New Family Members

- Graham '02 & Brandi Phillips**  
Avery Geneva, Mar. 8
- Zach '02 & Sayuri Poyner**  
Arisa Millie, Mar. 13
- Cody ex'12 & Ashley Baker ex'11 Brinkley**  
Lorelai Noel, Mar. 15
- Justin ex'13 and Summer Mitchell**  
Mikaela Denise, Mar. 20
- Jay and **Jena McDaniel-Cumming ex'07**  
Corbin James, Apr. 3
- Thomas ex'07 and Suzanne Starkey '08 Hamilton**  
Camden Alan, Apr. 10
- Fletcher and **Heather Mooney '95 O'Neal**  
Maranda Jean, Apr. 12
- Glenn '07 and Jessica Joyner '07 Crocker**  
Brennen Thomas, Apr. 27
- Curt '07 and Melissa Cade '08 Ashley**  
Yarlee Kathryn, Apr. 30
- Marty '03 and Exie Beyer '03 Anderson**  
Sadie Elizabeth, May 9
- Howie '07 and Shea Shropshire '07 Stacy**  
Savannah Claire, May 24
- Justin and **Penny Spruill Sleichter '98**  
Luke Michael, May 31
- Andrew ex'10 and Lisa Davey '06 Thomas**  
Abigail Elizabeth, May 14
- Richard and **Senior Chasity White**  
Sarah Michelle, May 25
- Jonathan '08 and Aimee Curry '06 Thayer**  
Colton Harbor, June 5

## Other News & Notes

**Kevin Coward '98** has opened a new practice, Christian Counseling and Psychological Services, in Norfolk, VA ([liberatinglives.org](http://liberatinglives.org)).

On March 9, Avalon Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, VA, held a celebration honoring **Jimmy '66 and Shelby '66 Bennett's** 40 years of ministry there.

**Jim Stanley '76** recently retired from located ministry after about 12 years with Bethlehem Christian Church, Littleton, NC. He will continue to do supply/interim preaching with churches which are within reasonable distance from King, NC, where he and Brenda now live.

**Travis Williams '05** was awarded his Master of Arts in New Media Journalism from Full Sail University on Mar. 2 and was the class salutatorian. He works as the Community Journalist with The Roanoke (VA) Times.

*Go Be Jesus: Making Your Mark Through Serving Others*, a book by **Tony Wolf '93** (paperback, iUniverse, Inc., 2007) has recently become available on Kindle and may be found on Amazon.

## To the General Fund

- Alton Ainsley (Memory)**  
by M/M Pernell Gallop,  
Corinne Herndon
- Lewis and Estelle Allen (Memory)**  
by Hilda Jones
- Rosa Bateman (Memory)**  
by Nancy Brittingham,  
Pattie Townsend
- Woody Anderson, Wes Anderson, Joyce Burruss (Memory)**  
by M/M Bill Burruss
- Gerald Dye (Memory)**  
by Gladys Dye
- Allen Herndon (Memory)**  
by Corinne Herndon
- Thomas Leggett (Memory)**  
by M/M Bruce Fraser
- Donald Manis (Memory)**  
by Anne Manis
- Estelle A. Murray, Allison C. Walker (Memory) and Cheryl C. Bowen, Angela C. Page, Rachel A. Pearson (Honor)**  
by M/M David Jones
- Josh Rose (Honor)**  
by M/M Gray McDonald
- Marvin Rose (Memory)**  
by M/M Ronnie Briley, M/M Tommy Marriner, Dorothy Rose
- Melvin Styons (Honor)**  
by M/M Phillip Laughlin
- Reggie Webb (Honor)**  
by M/M Phillip Laughlin
- Rhett White (Honor)**  
by Albemarle Church of Christ Bible Class
- Milton Whitley (Honor)**  
by M/M Gray McDonald
- Mark Woolard, Sr. (Memory)**  
by M/M Lee Woodley

## Matching Gifts

- Abbott Laboratories Fund**  
for Jean Bennett
- Diebold Foundation**  
for William Lipscombe
- Eaton Corporation**  
for Charlene Richards
- Prudential**  
for Roger McLean
- Wells Fargo**  
for Richard Burbage

## To the MACU Foundation

- Carolyn Allen (Memory)**  
by Robert Allen
- Gwendolyn Respass Allen, David Caputo, Roger Evans, Gene "George" Gill, Amy Haer, Charles Haislip, Sara Hedgepeth-Osceola, Virginia Macauley, Mary Scott, Rolland Steever (Memory)**  
by D/M Clay Perkins
- M/M Howard Amland, M/M Gregg Breisch, M/M Mike Clear, M/M Greg Coverdale, M/M Jonathan Craft, M/M Paul Davis, Mike Dee, Jonathan Duffer, M/M Daniel Elmes, M/M Eddie Ewell, M/M Brian Gervais, M/M Brian Johnson, Kurt Juergens, Liz Kretzer, M/M Roger Lamp, M/M Christopher Lewis, Antwonn Lynch, M/M Stan Martin, M/M DJ Maxey, M/M Mark McInnis, M/M Ivan Mounts, Joseph Mounts, M/M Phillip Murdock, M/M Melvin Priddy, Gregory Ray, M/M Terry Regan, M/M Rick Robie, Claudette Smith, M/M Dan Smith, D/M Michael Sutton, M/M David Taylor, M/M Nick Viperman, M/M Tony Wolf, M/M Gene Woolard, M/M Paul Woolard (Honor)**
- Grandma and Grandpa Cicco, Albert Clark, Bobby Claus, Grandma and Grandpa Claus, Sadie and Wedo Dulio, Lucy Griffin, Grandma and Grandpa Sowder (Memory)**  
by M/M Rich Lindsley
- Rosa Bateman (Memory)**  
by Vivian Poindexter
- Marshall and Viola Murphy (Memory)**  
by M/M Emmett Murphy
- JT and Addie Maye Segroves (Memory)**  
by Jaranell Fritts

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## On Campus & On the Road

### TUESDAY TOURS 2012-2013

July 17  
August 21  
September 18  
October 16  
December 18  
January 15  
February 19  
March 19  
April 16  
May Tuesday Tours scheduled upon request

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE 2012-2013

August 19  
October 14  
January 20 -21, combined with MLK, Jr. Day of Service  
February 10 on the road, location TBD  
March 17 on the road, location TBD  
April 21 on the road, location TBD  
May on the road, location & date TBD

### SOME OTHER 2013 EVENTS

April MACU on-the-lawn Spring Concert (date TBD)  
May 10 Chick-fil-A Leadercast  
May 13-15 \$10 Conference

## Mid-Atlantic's Motorcycle Rally and Charity Ride

September 8

Roll into town for a day of great fun and fellowship! Proceeds will help fund a scholarship in the Foundation. Registration will be available online at the MACU website. The Saturday, Sept. 8 ride begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.



Please invite your motorcycle clubs and churches. Contact **Sandra Perkins** for more details or check the MACU website [www.macuniversity.edu](http://www.macuniversity.edu)

## College Preview Weekend

November 9-11

*Includes concert by The City Harmonic  
and Daniel Bashta*

## City Harmonic with Daniel Bashta November 9

Mid-Atlantic Christian University, in conjunction with Elite Talent Agency, is proud to bring you The City Harmonic with Daniel Bashta in concert on campus November 9. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Come join us for an awesome night of worship by national recording artist The City Harmonic. To purchase tickets online go to [www.macuniversity.edu/events](http://www.macuniversity.edu/events).

