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Formerly Roanoke Bible College & Eastern Christian College

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to send out workers into his harvest field."  
Matthew 9:38***







## Where do churches come from?

It has been a long time since I answered the question: "Where do babies come from?" How long has it been since you thought about the question: "Where do churches come from?"

As an old poem says, "God sends no churches from the sky. Out of man's hearts they must arrive."

From Acts 1:8 we know that we are to be God's witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and then to the ends of the earth. From Acts 13:2-3 we understand that one of the primary roles of the church is to send out workers for the harvest to spread the Gospel and plant churches.

But where do churches actually come from? They come from the prayers of a father. Consider G. H. Cachiaras, a Greek immigrant who became a Christian at Bible college and would pray for all his children and grandchildren, one of whom is Ben Cachiaras. Ben is now the senior minister at one of our larger churches on the East Coast, Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Maryland.

They come from the prayers of a grandmother. Consider Vertie McKinney, who asked a preacher, Bill Griffin, to encourage her grandson to be a preacher. Bill sent Phillip Alligood, then

## The Just One Challenge

Will you join us and others around the world as we unite in prayer, asking the Lord of the harvest to send out Just One more worker into His harvest field? The presidents of the colleges of the Restoration Movement are united in their desire to call men and women to prayer daily and to ask that the church unite in prayer for more Kingdom workers on November 14, the Sunday immediately preceding the National Missionary Convention, or on any Sunday of your choosing. On campus, the Just One campaign is set to continue until May 14.

If you are willing to commit to daily prayer for one more Kingdom worker, and especially preachers, please accept the Just One Challenge. If you choose to participate in response to this appeal, please let us know by contacting Melissa Lewis in the President's Office at [melissa.lewis@macuniversity.edu](mailto:melissa.lewis@macuniversity.edu) or 252.334.2002.

## From the Office of the President

a recruiter for Mid-Atlantic, to see that grandson. Terry Schultz enrolled in Bible college. Since then, this one man, who was running with the wrong crowd in the big city, has influenced four other men to become preachers: Ron Stuart, Dennis Crehan, Larry Evans, and Cesar Sosa.

Churches come from men's hearts. Churches are born in prayer.

Mid-Atlantic is calling all who support her to pray for "Just One." We are asking all faculty, staff, students, trustees, directors, churches, supporters, friends, and interested churches to join in praying for just one more worker for the harvest: "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38, NIV).

We are asking on November 14, 2010, that all churches have a special prayer emphasis on Matthew 9:38. The Just One Sunday will help unite us all in a common purpose of raising up the next generation of ministers. Can you imagine what would happen if every church and every individual connected with Mid-Atlantic would intentionally pray for the Lord to raise up just one more preacher, missionary, youth minister, or other Kingdom worker?

The prayer challenge is simple: Commit to pray each day for just one more worker to be raised up – by name, if you know someone God might want to use. The call to prayer is from now to May 14.

God sends no churches from the sky. Out of men's hearts they must arrive. Join us in prayer for Just One!

Serving Those Who Serve,

*Clay*

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.  
President

*"God sends no churches from the sky.  
Out of man's hearts they must arrive."*



The Leadership Team at Mid-Atlantic is praying for just one more Kingdom worker.

**From left:** Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin W. Larsen, Vice President for Enrollment Services Kendall S. Greene, Vice President for Finance Kurtis L. Kight, Vice President for Development W. Keith Wood, President D. Clay Perkins.

## Welcome, New Students – Fall 2010!



Pictured are the 40 new students who attended the President's Dinner during orientation. We are excited to welcome them and 19 other new students who will be attending MACU this fall.

Stats at press time: 179 students enrolled, FTE 152; 59 new, 11 returning, 109 continuing; 105 men, 74 women; 135 full-time, 34 part-time, 10 audit

**Front:** Charleston Dupree, David Curry, Aaron Stokes, Doug Francis, Christian Mullis, Trevion Straing, Questen Ragin, Desmond Straing, D.J. Waltz, Josh Bueno, Travis Lauderman. **Second:** Jessica Francis, Amber Brennan, LaVon Cooper, Chloe Lackey, Krystal Harrower, Brittany Lassiter, Erin Barber, Sarah White, Katie Webb, Beth Beliveau. **Third:** Taylor Pierce, Jenna Ross, Ashley Ross, Jenny Nunez, Mugisha Byamungu, Katie Hackett, Josh Bondy, Jared Wice, Daniel Wornstaff. **Back:** Chris Caputi, Alex McPherson, Kevin Tucker, Keith Harper, Jack Meekins, Daniel Cooke, Anderson Watson, Nick Weinhofer, Brandon Lewis, Ben Hosman.

## Welcome, New and Returning Faculty and Staff!

Meet the new or returning faculty and staff who are helping to educate extraordinary leaders who will impact the culture for Christ:



**Kurtis L. Kight, Vice President for Finance**

Mr. Kight is no stranger to Mid-Atlantic. He serves as an adjunct professor in the Leadership program. From 1991 to 1997 he served as the university's Chief Finance Officer, guiding the school through seven years of balanced budgets. He assisted in the development of the new Leadership major. He is an elder at Son-Rise Church of Christ, Kill Devil Hills, NC. Since 1991 he has designed, built, and managed resort rental homes on the Outer Banks. He and his wife, Cindy, have two sons. Vice President Kight said, "I am very excited about serving full time at Mid-Atlantic. I am thrilled about Vision 2020 and the direction the college is heading."



**Daniel C. Smith, Resident Hall Director**

Dan Smith is the new Resident Hall Director for Presley Hall and is enrolled at Mid-Atlantic as an adult learner. Before moving to Elizabeth City, he worked as a consultant and with the Westover Church in Greensboro, NC. He has a strong ministry interest and background in equipping ministries and missions. His professional career has been spent serving in Human Resources for a number of corporations. He views completing his education at MACU as an opportunity to further empower him to do ministry. He is married to Kathy, who is a nurse. They have three adult children.



**Robbie D. Phillips, Assoc. Professor of Preaching**

Mr. Phillips has served ministries in churches for 18 years in Tennessee, Illinois, and California. He is a graduate of Hope International University (B.A., Bible, Preaching, and Church Growth) and Emmanuel School of Religion (M.Div., Ministry & Theology). He has completed doctoral studies at Asbury Theological Seminary (D.Min. ABD, Preaching, Spiritual Formation and Leadership). In addition to his Kingdom service in the U.S., Mr. Phillips has done leadership training and preaching in Morogoro, Tanzania, Africa and has learned from some of the world's largest churches in South Korea. In addition, he is regularly involved in short-term mission work in Mexico. He and his wife, Leanne, have three children.

### Teri P. Woolard, Director of Learning Enhancement Services

Mrs. Woolard, who has worked in the Academic Affairs office in the past, will give oversight to the Learning Center this semester and give direction to students who enter the university with documented learning difficulties.





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

From time to time the Bible/theology faculty at MACU receives questions from people. Some questions we anticipate, and some we have researched. One that we anticipated and answered in a document called "What You Can Expect from Teaching at MACU" is in regard to salvation. The following is adapted from that document. Our prayer is that we may serve you by helping you serve others, so that we all think biblically.

## What does MACU understand the Bible to teach about how God brings about salvation?

The three points below follow the teachings of Dr. Jack Cottrell of Cincinnati Christian University. He brings out from Paul three phrases that form the skeleton of the answer, and each point is elaborated.

**By grace – Ephesians 2:8.** Grace is God's part in the saving process. MACU and the Restoration Movement are not distinctive from most other Christians in teaching that salvation is a result of God's offer of forgiveness by grace, as opposed to being something that one earns by any human action.

**Through faith – Ephesians 2:8, Colossians 2:12, Galatians 3:26.** Faith is man's part in the saving process – it is not a work that earns, it is a response to God's offer of salvation by grace. Faith involves an understanding and acceptance both of who Jesus is and of what He came to do. But beyond intellectual assent to facts, faith involves trusting in Christ to save and entrusting oneself to His lordship, or ownership. In this we are not distinctive from most other Christians (specifically, we differ with Calvinism on the cause of faith). Some ask us, though, "Do you understand the Bible to teach that salvation is through faith alone?" The answer to this question depends on what one means by "faith." If one means what we have said above, then yes. If one means faith without baptism, then the answer is no, and you are invited to continue to read.

There is another issue regarding faith in which we are distinctive from some other Christians (again, Calvinistic belief). Whereas some think that once one is saved, one can never be lost, we think that salvation by God's grace rests on the condition of a person's faith. (God's grace never fails.

Should a person's belief [faith] turn to unbelief, that person no longer meets that condition and is therefore lost.)

Though many passages in the New Testament have been discussed on this issue for centuries, Jesus' explanation of the parable of the soils is certainly convincing on this point (Mark 4:14-20). In addition, the large number of injunctions encouraging God's people to remain faithful in both testaments would lose their force, if there were nothing to be lost.

**In baptism – Colossians 2:12, Galatians 3:27.** Almost all Christians agree that the method of baptizing in the New Testament was immersion. However, there are major differences on the role of baptism in salvation. We sympathize with those who rightly want to guard salvation as a result of God's grace. However, what is distinctive – not unique – about our belief is that we are convinced that the New Testament teaches that water baptism is connected with salvation (Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21). In Galatians 3:26-27, Paul explicitly separates baptism from the category of works that earn God's favor and instead teaches that baptism is something to which a person submits (hence the commands to "be baptized" rather than to "baptize yourself"). It is the occasion when God regards a person as having entered into the new covenant, or when one clothes oneself with Christ. Therefore, we understand the Bible to teach that, though baptism is not the ultimate cause of salvation, it is the event when God's grace and our faith meet at the blood of Jesus. Therefore, we regard baptism as man's faith response to God's offer of grace. In this it also serves as an objective reminder of when we entered into the new covenant, or agreement, with God.

## Adjunct Instructors Bring Variety, Depth of Experience

**Leon Reed Adams**, Sociology (2010). B.A. in Psychology, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill); M.A. in Sociology-Criminology, University of Maryland, College Park; Ph.D. in Sociology and Criminology, Florida State University. Certified Professional Sociological Practitioner – American College of Certified Forensic Counselors. Dr. Adams will be team teaching with Mr. McKinney Statistics for Human Services.

**Michael G. Anglin**, New Testament (1995). B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering, The Georgia Institute of Technology; M.A. in New Testament Preaching and Exposition, Johnson Bible College; graduate studies in mathematics, Old Dominion University, University of Iowa, University of Virginia, Norfolk State University. Mr. Anglin is not new to MACU. For several years he taught math. After a several year absence he is returning to teach Interpreting Biblical Literature.

**Troy D. Barnes**, Military Science and Math (2009). B.S. in Mathematical Sciences, United States Military Academy West Point; M.A. in Military Operations, Air University; Master of Engineering Management, Old Dominion University. LTC Barnes is the professor of military science at ECSU. He will be teaching Basic Math this fall at MACU.

**Shelley R. Greene**, Elementary Education (2010). B.S. in Health Care Administration, Milligan College; M.Ed. in Elementary Education, Liberty University. Mrs. Greene is teaching Foundations of Education.

**Marina Henderson-Bates**, English (2010). B.A. in English, St. Thomas Aquinas College; M.S. in English Education, Iona University. Mrs. Bates teaches English in the local high school. She will be helping Mid-Atlantic by teaching English Composition I.

**Shelley Jones-Reed**, English (2010). B.A. in English, Kean University; M.A. in Education (Early Childhood Education and Curriculum and Instruction), Phoenix University. Mrs. Reed is also a local high school English teacher. She is teaching Basic English.

**Cindy S. Thomas**, Psychology (2010). B.S. in Bible, Mid-Atlantic Christian University; M.S. in Education (Counseling), Old Dominion University. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS), State of North Carolina. Mrs. Thomas currently is the director of the Behavioral Health Outpatient Program at Bertie Memorial Hospital. She will be teaching Developmental Psychology.

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## CHALLENGE

### A Call To Prayer

Students, along with faculty and staff, were challenged to pray intentionally for more Kingdom workers during the first chapel service August 25. Chapel participants presented the Just One Challenge. Four students shared their passion for ministry and invited their peers to join them in prayer for just one more worker.



**Emilie Cooper**

There were many who prayed for me to be in the hands of God and to do His will. However, I can think of a specific person who prayed for me to consider mission work before I had even decided to become a missionary. **Steph Saufley '01**, who was affiliated with Team Expansion, really encouraged me through her prayers and friendship in my decision-making

process. When I went on an internship this past summer, her encouragement continued, and I now have a huge heart and passion for the Muslims in Europe. This is how just one person strongly influenced me by the power of prayer to join in the harvest. Do you have a yearning to tell the lost about our amazing God? I can pray for you, and maybe God will, in fact, break your heart for those who live without Him. I can pray for just one more.



**Phillip Jones**

I have worked all my life to fit into a special place in our society that I may make a name for myself, be noticed and respected by all. I had no idea that one day I would be sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was not raised in a church and . . . became familiar with Christ about seven years ago. Someone was praying for me, and

God heard that prayer. He placed upon my heart the Gospel and that I could become a vessel to deliver [that Gospel]. . . By allowing Christ to become the lead of my life, in giving the life that He gave me back to Him for His glory, He has allowed me to grow in the passion of preaching and sharing the Gospel. . . . So today I am asking you to take the Just One Challenge, as I will. Pray with me for one more preacher. We need more preachers who are passionate for God's word and willing to harvest that which is plentiful.

In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." How many more workers would it take to make a difference? The answer is just one more. That's why the presidents of all 33 Christian colleges have joined together to issue the Just One Challenge: **Will you pray for just one more worker for the harvest field?** To take the Just One Challenge or for more information see [www.justonechallenge.org](http://www.justonechallenge.org).



**Craig Layfield**

My father has been a minister all my life, and he planted in me a passion for ministry work. So since junior high, I've been helping with my church in any way that I could. But as I grew older, I wasn't sure what area of ministry I truly wanted to serve in. So I came here to MACU and learned about the need for Bible translation, and I found what I wanted to do:

translate the Bible and plant churches in areas where people don't have the gospel. I'm a Yankee, and I love the cold. So when I heard about a place that needed Bible translation and where people got excited for the temperature to get above 0 degrees, I knew I found a place to go. So my passion is to translate the Bible in Siberia or Russia, wherever God allows me to go.

But that's not my only passion, because I know of another area that needs the Gospel just as much as the frozen plains of Siberia: New England. It is the most populated area of our country but the least ministered to. The hub of New England, New York City, has over 8,000,000 people, but fewer than 30 Restoration churches. And not only have churches begun to die in New England, but other beliefs, such as demon and spirit worship, have been reborn and thrive in the lostness of cities like New York, Boston, Buffalo, Albany, and Manchester. So, if the Lord allows, I want to plant churches in New England after my work in Siberia is complete, because I am passionate about ministry: both on the other side of the world and in my back yard.



**Elizabeth Vahey**

When I first came here, all I knew was that I wanted to be in missions. It wasn't until fellow student **Rich Meister** encouraged me to consider applied linguistics – to consider becoming prepared to perform in excellence instead of just rushing into the field – that I really found what God wanted me to do. Every day I thank God for this epic adventure that He's invited me to

be a part of, and I'm very thankful for Rich, who challenged me. I pray that I can at least be such a blessing to just one of you, with prayers, encouragement, and occasionally an aggressive push to join in this ministry to give the Word of God to the Bible-less people of the world.



## A Call to Action

Numerous students served internships this past summer in located ministries, in non-profits, and on mission fields. Others made short-term trips, including the following faculty and staff.

### Dr. Robert Reese

Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry

#### Zimbabwe

For three weeks from the end of May to the middle of June, **Robert Reese, Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry**, made his annual trip to Zimbabwe to encourage churches that his mission team planted there. He conducted two Bible schools for rural church leaders in local languages. The first Bible school was held in the city of Bulawayo with 120 leaders attending, and the second in a remote part of Zimbabwe for 66 leaders from churches planted among the Tonga tribe by one man, Isaac Ndendela. This is his report on what he saw in the remote villages along the Zambezi River:



"The churches Isaac Ndendela planted have become so community-oriented that the local authorities have asked them to operate small branch elementary schools. Both the church building and the thatched shelter where we met were part of the school ground where about a hundred children from grades one to three were meeting daily. For morning assembly, the children first sing the national anthem, then they dismiss for their classes by singing 'We are Walking in the Light of God.' Public prayer and Bible teaching are welcome in public schools in Zimbabwe!

"Incredible local initiative characterizes these Tonga churches. Their leaders are not only involved in elementary education by supplying manpower for construction of buildings and as teachers, but also in supplying fruit trees to numerous households to improve the local diet. One of them operates a large garden that he was watering at 3:00 am by moonlight from a waterhole he dug by hand inside the garden. He then used the produce to supply our classes with nutritious fruit and vegetables. Isaac himself opened a welding business, the only such business within fifty miles, by selling eight head of cattle to purchase a generator plus welding equipment. Just one small problem: the only diesel to fuel the generator is also fifty miles away, but that doesn't seem to faze him. After all, he has a corner on the welding market in a place with no electricity but plenty of welding needs for animal drawn carts, door frames, window frames, and burglar bars. What a joy to see God's work in such faithful and hard-working hands!"

### Robbie D. Phillips

Associate Professor of Preaching

#### Mexico

My sons, Carter and Will, and I joined 150 other adults and youth to build five homes in Santa Fe, Mexico. I was the site leader for our home and had a great team that completed the house ahead of schedule. The family we built for lived in a "garage door" home. The four walls were used garage doors; the floor was just dirt. There were no windows. The makeshift roof was stuffed with stuffed animals and clothes to keep out birds. The dad worked construction, but was out of work, so he was able to help several days. When the family – including two young children – was presented the house keys and housewarming gifts (Bibles, food, and cleaning supplies), the mother cried. She told us with great sincerity that we each had a home with them when we visited again.

This family camp mission trip ([www.mexicofamilycamp.org](http://www.mexicofamilycamp.org)) was with AMOR ministries based in San Diego. This was my seventh year working with my sons. I first worked with AMOR in the summer of 1986 as a college freshman.



Robbie Phillips at the construction site in Mexico.

### W. Keith Wood

Vice President for Development

#### Ghana & Togo

Mid-Atlantic students **Matt Proffitt** and **David Broyles** joined **Vice President for Development Keith Wood** on a three-week summer trip to Ghana and Togo in West Africa. Two others from Ohio completed the team. The team members had the opportunity to work with **Jeff '83** and **Sherrie ex'84 Hostetter** in Ghana, as well as **Amy Morris Koumedjra ex'00** and her husband Bruno in Togo. They helped in a variety of ministry activities, including preaching, teaching, song leading, skits, helping coordinate a VBS, working in a Christian school, observing at a local mission clinic, engaging in village ministry and neighborhood evangelism, and much more.

### Dr. Robert W. Smith

Professor of Bible and History

#### Jordan

**Dr. Bob Smith** and **K.C. Chilcoat ex'13**

did summer field work of a different sort. They participated in the Abila of the Decapolis archaeological expedition in Northern Jordan, continuing the study of an unusual five-aisled trefoil church building from Late Antiquity. Below the marble paved floor of the Umayyad period church building they helped to expose two aisles of mosaic flooring from the Byzantine period. These floors are comprised of about 1.6 million small cubes of colored stones placed in repeated patterns that looked like carpets. These expensive floors were overshadowed by tall columns and plastered walls painted with pictures of the heroes of the faith.



Mosaic floor uncovered in Jordan.

This experience provided the two with opportunities to think about how Christians through the ages have sought to worship God in the creation of places of worship. Byzantine-era basilicas were designed to promote the sense that the worshipper was entering into God's presence with the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) who have carried the cross of Jesus. With impressive architecture and the perfumed smoke of imported incense they created a foretaste of heaven on earth. Funding was lavished on these structures at times when life was tough for the people.

When the contemporary American congregation considers construction of worship space, the focus is usually given to its utility in providing functional space for the various ministries of the congregation and little consideration is given to creating a sense of awe in the presence of God. Dr. Smith observes, "How one goes about worshipping God does not have to look the same for every congregation. We need to learn from Jesus' response when people questioned a woman's extravagant use of expensive perfume to anoint Him (Mark 14:6) to rejoice when people honor God even if they do not do it the way we would."



From left: Matt Proffitt, Vice President for Development Keith Wood, and David Broyles in West Africa.

### Dr. Clay Perkins

President

#### Thailand

### Gene Langley

Board of Trustees Chairman

**Gene Langley** and I had the privilege of visiting **Ezekiel Fish '90**, founder of Good News Mission, in Maesot, Thailand. Graduate Ezekiel and his wife, Ah-Cha, are doing a marvelous job in Thailand and Myanmar.

Good News Mission has built on its 10-acre campus the Maesot Biblical Training Center (MBTC). Basically, this is a Bible college and has had nearly 100 graduates. The program, which results in a certificate, is very challenging academically and is accredited by the Evangelical Council of Thailand.

During Ezekiel's 36 years in Thailand, with his foreign missionaries and native fellow workers, over 87 churches in 126 villages have been established among the Lisu and Lahu tribes. Weekend evangelism trips by all the students and teachers is a continuing answer to the Great Commission and part of the hands-on training received by the students. In the past 16 years, over 376 young people and adults have come to study at Maesot Biblical Training Center. Some of the graduates are serving in full-time ministries in the local churches while others are serving in Bible training centers and orphanages in other areas.

On our trip, we both preached and both taught leadership to more than 50 MBTC alumni . . . I was very impressed with each church leader. The churches teach tithing and giving. They emphasize that they are not to be dependent upon the American church for support, but to be independent.

I strongly recommend this as a mission that deserves your support.



Dr. Perkins baptizing a young man in Thailand.



## New Book about Mid-Atlantic

The following is a work of love begun several years ago before the school became Mid-Atlantic. Congratulations to **Cheryl Trueblood Barboza '91**, who has recently completed *A Glimpse of His Story: The History of the Cross-Cultural Missions Program at RBC* (360 pages, Zulon Publishers).

Chances are if you ever found yourself sitting in a class on history at Roanoke Bible College under Professor Ronnie Woolard, you've heard his perspective on its importance. In the past, Woolard has pointed out that history takes on a much deeper significance when we consider it is all a part of HIS story. If this is true, then any action of mankind takes on spiritual implications much greater than itself. And if His story is still unfolding today, even as in ancient times, then how do the small and large daily decisions of faith play into His bigger picture?

For example: What about the choice of an upwardly mobile 18-year-old George BonDurant to take the faith-saving advice of a lady missionary, Dr. Zoena Rothermel, before entering an elite university? Why would it matter if struggling high school student Richard Hostetter decided to stay in school and graduate, when no one else in his family ever had? How important was it for young college graduate Linda Joyner to follow her childhood dream of becoming a missionary?

**President George W. BonDurant** and two professors of missions, **Dr. Richard Hostetter** and **Linda Joyner '71**, served at Roanoke Bible College for a combined total of 69 years. At the school, they, among others, were used by God for the sending out of 264 long- and short-term missionaries. Since 1948, Roanoke students and graduates have spread across five continents and into 34 different countries. And this is just a glimpse of His story at Roanoke Bible College. To purchase a copy, contact Linda Joyner at [nenek2@yahoo.com](mailto:nenek2@yahoo.com). Purchase price is \$20.99.

Miss Joyner continues to serve cross-culturally and is working in a Southeast Asia country using "BAM" (Business as Mission). As such, she and others were instrumental in opening a coffee shop that employs both Christians and Muslims, helping the local economy and showing Jesus. Here she describes what typically takes place:

*Monthly the mission men gather for their prayer breakfast. Before their arrival, while still very early in the morning, the workers – Christians and Muslims – enter the kitchen to bake the cinnamon rolls, make the coffee, and prepare for cooking the omelets and pancakes. During the lunch and supper times, [Christians] from various countries gather over an Asian or Western meal to discuss effective ways of ministering that are being productive across the islands.*

*Mid-afternoon brings those who come for coffee and dessert as they encourage and challenge each other in the various areas of ministries that spread across cultures and languages. Side by side, the Christians and Muslims work together serving customers.*

*Daily, both Muslim employees and Muslim customers enter the prayer room for their prayer rituals. On Saturday the Christian employees join their voices in praise, feasting on the Word and in prayer.*

*Praise God for such open doors as avenues to witness and may we continue to be His Light in Muslim countries.*

## Mid-Atlantic Foundation Celebrates 25 Years Trustees Appoint Administrative Director



The Mid-Atlantic Foundation began in 1985 to provide assistance to the mission of the college. Monies are invested into the Foundation to provide scholarships for students, faculty advancement, library advancement, and the mission. There is a need to increase the holdings in the Foundation in order to increase scholarship opportunities for future students, staff, building projects, library advancement, and more.

Last April the Mid-Atlantic Christian University trustees appointed **Sandra Perkins** as the Administrative Director of the Foundation. She will report to the President of the Foundation board and work with the board of directors. Sandra has skills in real estate sales, mortgage lending, and small business management in the service and retail industries. Please welcome her when she calls on you to discuss the business of the Foundation. Sandra can be reached at [sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu](mailto:sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu) or by phone at 252.334.2003.

## Military Friendly

Mid-Atlantic Christian University has been named by G.I. Jobs magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2011. This honor ranks the school in the top 15% of all colleges, universities, and trade schools nationwide.

Mid-Atlantic is listed in the 2011 Guide to Military Friendly Schools and online at [www.MilitaryFriendlySchools.com](http://www.MilitaryFriendlySchools.com). According to the web site: "Now is an exceptional time to be a military member, veteran, or spouse seeking education" because some assistance programs "have virtually eliminated financial constraints from your choice of school."

If you know of someone who has a relationship with the military and an interest in serving in the Lord's army, have him or her contact Enrollment Services at 866.996.MACU. We are at your service.



## 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](http://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](mailto:info@embroideron.com).



## Eastern & Roanoke Alumni = Mid-Atlantic Alumni

Rarely are revisions to bylaws considered exciting, but **Bill Griffin, Assistant to President Perkins**, says he is "especially excited about the revisions made to the bylaws of the Alumni Association during the annual meeting [last March]." Of course, there were routine changes needed as a result of the school's name change. There was also an increase in dues, along with a structural change regarding replacing the Alumni Representative Council (ARC) with an increase in the number of executive committee members.

But his excitement comes primarily from the revision of wording under membership. Whereas the bylaws had read: "Former students who have earned credit at Roanoke Bible College . . .," the revision reads: "Former students who have earned credit at Roanoke Bible College, Eastern Christian College, or Mid-Atlantic Christian University . . ." "Roanoke Bible College" could have simply been replaced with "Mid-Atlantic" and, in a sense, all institutions would be covered. However, he is "thankful that there is an actual naming of Eastern Christian College in the bylaws. I want former students of ECC to feel a warm welcome from the MACU Alumni Association."

Although it should be easy for all who attended RBC to see that MACU is a continuation of their "old school," Mr. Griffin does not "think it as easily evident for those who attended ECC. In one sense, their school closed down and sold the campus. For RBC people, they come back to the same campus for 'homecoming.' Thus, we need to make every effort to help ECC alumni feel that MACU is their school – and that the MACU Alumni Association is their Alumni Association."

He continues with a prayer that "each RBC alumnus will extend a warm hand of welcome to every ECC alumnus. I pray that ECC alumni will feel the warmth and join with the old RBC people to make the MACU Alumni Association all that it can be." Mr. Griffin works particularly with alumni and may be reached at 252.334.2001 or [bill.griffin@macuniversity.edu](mailto:bill.griffin@macuniversity.edu).

## Graduate Ready to Broadcast Gospel Around the World

Global Gospel Radio was established by Bill and Shirley Hale in 2003. The signal, by use of computer, is seen and heard around the world. Global Gospel Radio is the pioneer in this field of broadcasting the Gospel via internet radio broadcasting. In 2009, **Lamar '56** and Susan **Tillman** purchased the station. Much of the station's daylight time has been sold and reaches a local audience. The other 12 hours each day are scarcely touched, leaving much broadcast time available to reach nations like China, Great Britain, Russia, India, France, and others.

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## We Couldn't Have Done it Without You!

About 50 volunteers came to campus this summer to help us tackle and complete projects, many of which would still be undone had it not been for their generosity. Ages – from young teens to retirees – and skills varied, but all had one purpose – to be helping hands to forward the ministry of Mid-Atlantic.

The work included, but was not limited to, repairing and painting a shed, yard work, replacing ceiling tiles and lights, replacing counters, painting numerous rooms and pieces of furniture, relocating or rearranging offices and various student areas, upgrading restrooms, and rewiring. In some instances not only was the labor a gift, but also the supplies needed.

We really couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for making campus more attractive, serviceable, and safe.



## 2010-2011 MACU Events

Oct. 3	Mid-Atlantic Day
Oct. 9-16	Alumni & Friends Cruise
Oct. 11-15	Fall Break
Oct. 17	Sunday Night Live
Oct. 19	Tuesday Tour
Oct. 19-21	Mission Emphasis Week
Oct. 21	Mid-Atlantic Foundation meets
Oct. 22	Trustees meet
Nov. 12-14	Eastern Christian Convention Hershey, PA
Nov. 14	Just One Challenge Day of Prayer
Nov. 16	Tuesday Tour
Nov. 18-21	National Missionary Convention Lexington, KY
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1, 3	University Chorale presents "Glory in the Highest" Davenport Chapel
Dec. 13-17	Exams
Jan. 10-14	Early Spring Intensives
Jan. 15, 16	New Student Orientation
Jan. 16	Sunday Night Live
Jan. 18	Tuesday Tour
Feb. 15	Tuesday Tour
Mar. 7-11	Spring Break
Mar. 13	Sunday Night Live
Mar. 15	Tuesday Tour
Mar. 17, 18	Gospel Rally & Homecoming
Mar. 18	Alumni Assoc. Lunch & Meeting
Apr. 1-3	Oasis
Apr. 19	Tuesday Tour
Apr. 25, 26	Easter Break

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Obituaries

**Nina Pittman**, longtime member of Geneva Park Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA, died May 6, 2010. She was known and loved by many affiliated with the college for her years of work in Camp Roanoke and as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband, Rufus, and three children, including **Ronnie ex'66** and **Ellan Smithwick '67**.

**Ray A. Giles ex'56**, 75, died May 16. Born in Chatham, VA, he attended Mid-Atlantic and graduated from Milligan College and Southern Baptist Seminary. After stateside ministries, he and **Effie (Motley) ex'58** spent 32 years serving with Christian Missionary Fellowship, particularly in Ethiopia. His mission service continued during his retirement. He and Effie have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

**John Lough '68**, 73, died Aug. 13 in Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Kay C. (Colgan) Lough, 7 children, 15 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. John was retired from military service at the Pentagon with honors at the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

**Nancy R. Vossmeier**, 75, was laid to rest in Minneapolis, MN. A native of Indiana, she was employed as the head librarian at Indiana University. Following her retirement she served as reference librarian at Mid-Atlantic and assisted in the development of and move into the Waterfront Library in 1997. Her husband, Will, donated much-needed work on college vehicles and other maintenance projects. Nancy and Will have three children and five grandchildren.

**Willie Lee White**, 89, brought smiles, delicious homemade rolls, beautiful songs, and a joyful spirit to the college cafeteria, having worked in the cafeterias of Sheep Harney Elementary School and Mid-Atlantic for a total of 45 years. She devoted her life to her family and church and worked her later years assisting seniors as they visited the Knobbs Creek Senior Center in Elizabeth City. She passed away peacefully on May 21 with a host of family members at her side.

**Donald Robert Manis '83** of Fayetteville, NC, died May 30, 2010. He was born in Marietta, GA, Mar. 25, 1957. Don felt the call to become a minister and entered Mid-Atlantic, graduating in 1983. His ministries led him to Smithfield, VA, and to Acworth, Roswell, and Carrollton, GA. In 1995 he graduated from Cincinnati Christian University with a Masters in Church Growth and continued to minister in Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, and Fayetteville, NC, where he was associate minister from 2002-2005. From 1995-2001, Don also served the communities he lived in as a volunteer chaplain with the local fire departments. In 2007, he received his Clinical Pastoral Education so that he could become a chaplain. Most recently he was employed at First Health Hospice and Palliative Care in Pinehurst, NC. Don is survived by his wife of 26 years, **Anne Greer Manis '84**, and their two children.

**James Aubrey "Jim" Winslow ex'76** passed away Aug. 12. He had been in failing health. For many years he and his wife Polly - who died six years ago - befriended young people, small churches, missionaries, and the college. They poured out their energy and their resources for the sake of Christ and the good of others. Jim was a retired U. S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer and the recipient of many awards and accolades.

**James B. Joyner, Sr.**, 69, of Harrisonburg, VA, passed away Aug. 30, 2010. He was born in Greenville, NC. He graduated from Mid-Atlantic in 1964, began preaching during his college years, and continued until his death. He was instrumental in the founding of Valley Church of Christ in Harrisonburg, along with **Dickie Bolton '70**. He also served in the ministry in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and various parts of Virginia. In his retirement, he volunteered at Valley Christian School. James is survived by his wife, Catherine, five children (including **Wanda Ashley ex'81**; **James, Jr., '84**; **Sherry, '91**; and **Sharon Lewis ex'86**), 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and a sister, **Linda Joyner '70**.

Ministries and Service

**Mike Owney '77**, principal, and **Sandy Derrickson Owney ex'77**, teacher, are serving South Haven Christian School, Valparaiso, IN, as principal and teacher, respectively. **Jim Lilley '86** recently began working as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the state of Pennsylvania. **Davon Huss '93** has been called to preach for Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ in Aurora, IN. **Stephanie Cutter '99** began a youth ministry with Laurel Avenue Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA, on July 4. **Stuart Paul '06** has been called to First Church of Christ in Titusville, FL, as youth minister. **Billy Dyer '07** has been called as youth evangelist for Severn Christian Church, Severn, MD. **Danielle Hortelano '08** is working for Methodist Home for Children in Manteo, NC, as a Resident Counselor. **Tommy Leopard '09** is serving Glen Elder Christian Church, Glen Elder, KS, as youth minister. **Neil Anglen '09** is a case manager with CSTO Inc., Norfolk, VA, helping mentally challenged clients to achieve everyday goals and tasks set up by the individuals and their guardians. **Junior Bobby Cohoon** is preaching for Roanoke Acres Church of Christ, Manteo, NC. **Sophomore Bryan Cooper** is serving as youth minister for Rosemary Church of Christ, Washington, NC.

Weddings

**Scott Cumberledge '07** and Rachel Potts, May 30  
**Romie Williams ex'05** and Katie Lewis, June 13  
James Martin Todd and **Wendee Spruill '97**, June 19  
Tom Vallej and **Beth Downes '98**, June 19  
**Seniors Joe Cartwright** and **Kristi Pipkin**, July 4  
**Ben Amland '07** and Leslie Thomas, July 23  
**Josh Curry '10** and Sarah Little, July 24  
**Freshman Justin Mitchell** and Summer Babb, July 24  
Orville Layman, Jr., and **Andrea Ange '94**, Aug. 16

New Family Members

**Rob '03** and **Renee Dean '04 Yancey**: Seth Michael Robert, June 1  
**Brandon '02** and **Jessica Davis ex'04 Beauchamp**: Sophia Nicole, June 19  
**Nick '98** and **Abbie Vipperman**: Charlotte Faith, June 23  
**Tim '05** and **Ashley Cyphers**: Peyton Dale, June 29  
**Jason '01** and **Carrie Bedell**: Roxy Grace, July 9  
**Cyrous '09** and **Miranda Bagheri**: Lakelyn Cyan, July 15  
Rocco and **Crystal Jett ex'05 Rotondo**: Emily Elizabeth Grace, July 23  
**Nick ex'06** and **Chrissy Dissmore '04 Hobbs**: Abigail Lee, Aug. 1  
**Mike '96** and **Crystal Clear**: Kennedy Brighton, Aug. 7  
**Bobby '00** and **Shari Jones '99 Wallace**: Josiah Ethan, Aug. 7  
**Nathan '03** and **Candace Bee**: Kiersten Rynanne, Aug. 26  
**Jonathan '08** and **Aimee Curry '06 Thayer**: Jude Abram, Aug. 31

Other News & Notes

**Rose Poindexter Whitaker '71** recently retired from the Virginia Beach, VA, public schools. She was at Kellam High School from 1972 till 1979, at the Center for Effective Learning from 1998 till 2009, and at Tallwood High School her final year. **George Sanderlin ex'94** was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force on July 30, at Fort Monroe, VA. **Rich Meister '10** was ordained at his home congregation, Northampton Church of Christ, Hampton, VA, on Aug. 15. **Bob Johnson '58** has retired from full-time preaching, Draper Christian Church, Eden, NC, honored him and Margery on Aug. 28 with a retirement reception. **Connie Morris Jenks '87** recently passed the Virginia state exam to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). She currently works for a community mental health center with seriously mentally ill adults. **Rose Amado-Taylor '07** earned an MS in Clinical and Pastoral Counseling from Loyola on May 15. **Billy Dyer '07** was ordained June 10 by the elders at Olivet Christian Church, Newport News, VA.

To the General Fund

**Mary Edgar (Memory)**  
by Charles Edgar  
**Allen Herndon (Memory)**  
by Corinne Herndon  
**Nina Pittman (Memory)**  
by Carol Jones, M/M Billy Smithwick  
**Daniel and Amy West (Honor)**  
by Ava Jo Wills  
**Edith Whitehurst (Memory)**  
by M/M Thomas Leggett

To the Mid-Atlantic Foundation

**Carolyn Allen (Memory)**  
by Robert Allen and the families of Steve Allen, Sandy Faidley, and Shelley Green  
**Odis and Ruby Bennett (Memory)**  
**John West (Memory)**  
by Jean W. Higginbotham  
**Albert Blanton (Memory)**  
by Time Investment Corporation  
**Sarah P. BonDurant (Memory)**  
by Beth BonDurant, M/M Steven Hendricks, Shirley Jenkins  
**Betty Bravard (Memory)**  
by D/M Clay Perkins  
**David Cuthbertson (Honor)**  
by M/M Kevin Barnett, M/M Harry East, Kay Higgins, Amos Johnson, M/M David Nicholson, Andrew Pryor, Henry Waldrop  
**Robert Cuthbertson (Memory)**  
By NC VA Ministers Association  
**Alva Douglas (Memory)**  
by M/M Ike Jackson, M/M Mitchell Whitley, M/M David Wright  
**Jake Griffin, John and Lucy Griffin, John Swindell (Memory)**  
**Janie Swindell (Honor)**  
by M/M Bill Griffin

**Jay Banks '82** recently announced that music by Son's Up is available on iTunes and Amazon. For more information, go to the Son's Up page on Facebook. **Amanda Avery** completed her master's program at East Carolina University and has thus been promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor of Worship and Music. Professor Avery advises the Worship and Music minor. **Jonathan Duffer '08** recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from ECPI, Virginia Beach, VA, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer and Information Science with a concentration in Internet Security. He also received an Outstanding Student Fellowship Award. **Library Director Frank Dodson** has been appointed one of three members-at-large on the Financial Advisory Team for the Treasurer for the Association of Christian Librarians (ACL). He also serves as a mentor to a new librarian in the ACL Mentor Program and participates in two sub sections of the ACL: the Bible College Section of ACL and the Christian Library Consortium. Mr. Dodson often serves as a facilitator for workshops at the annual ACL conference. **Jaranell and Sherrill Fritts (ECC mid-60s)** celebrated their 50th anniversary June 17 with a two-hour open house, even though Sherrill was too ill to greet guests outside his bedroom. Not long after, he succumbed to esophageal cancer. Sympathy is expressed to his daughter **Sheri Nunez ECC '83** and her children **Josh and Jenny**, who are MACU students.

To The Library

**Kenneth Hill (Memory)**  
by M/M Bud Wheeler

Matching Gifts

**Abbott Laboratories Fund**  
for Jean W. Bennett  
**Bank of America**  
for Onnie B. Boyd  
Greg Marples  
David Snyder  
**Dominion Foundation**  
for Jerry Norris

Mid-Atlantic Foundation Funds created in 2010:

**Carolyn Allen Fund**  
**Northampton Christian Church**  
**Russell Smith Fund**

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Gift of Another Kind

Special thanks to Bill Taylor and The Pines for their donation of golf rounds in exchange for yearbook advertising. Vice President for Development Keith Wood said, *"I really appreciate the way The Pines has worked with us for our special events like our golf marathon the last couple of years. It has been a real blessing. Your staff has been great to work with."* In addition to the help with the annual marathon, those attending the FREE Retreat for youth ministers and youth workers last May were treated to a free round of golf at this local golf course.



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## 63rd Annual Gospel Rally & Homecoming March 17-18, 2011



**Dr. Jerry Taylor**  
Assistant Professor of Bible,  
Missions, Ministry  
Abilene Christian University



**Steph Saufley '01**  
Missions Advocate  
Port Republic, VA

## Resident Assistants (RAs) 2010-2011

RAs help students with many facets of college life, but especially with dorm life in Presley Hall.



**From left:** Nicole Camden, Ethan Coltrain, Katie Cooper, Josh Rose, Rachel Foxx, and Buddy Holloway (front).

## Glory in the Highest December 1 & 3, 7:00 p.m.

University Chorale, Mid-Atlantic's newest performance ensemble, will present "Glory in the Highest" in the Davenport Chapel. For more information, contact Amanda Avery (252.334.2091) or Nicole Jones (252.334.2073).

# SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Mid-Atlantic  
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**WIN an IPAD**

Date: **October 17**

Time: **5:00-7:00**

Speaker: **Bobby Wallace**

Theme: **I'm a Priest**

Music:

**All area youth are invited! Admission is Free!**

For more information call Jason Woolard 252-334-2047

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