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Formerly Roanoke Bible College & Eastern Christian College

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# Mid-Atlantic CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



## Just one, please.

That is one of my prayers as I travel from church to church. "Lord, will you allow me to talk to just one person that would have a desire to attend Mid-Atlantic, especially to study preaching. Just one, please. Amen."

We all love compliments. One that has stuck in my memory I received just prior to coming to the leadership team at Mid-Atlantic some four years ago. A fellow preacher told me, "Clay, I am glad you are going to guide one of our colleges because you love ministry." He was right. After three decades in ministry, I can say without reservation: "I love ministry."

But here is a reality: Fewer and fewer people are interested in vocational ministry. If ever the words of Jesus were true – and they always are – they are especially true for this generation. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37). I am sure that both presidents BonDurant and Griffin felt the same pressure that I am now feeling. We need more workers for the harvest, and we need them now!

The need is great. Currently there are 44 openings for ministry on the Mid-Atlantic website. Recently I was privileged to preach at the Metro Christian Convention in Metropolitan New York City. Over 8 million people live there, more than in 40 individual states, yet we have less than 30 Restoration churches. Every month 1,500 ministers leave the ministry. Of the 6,500 world languages there are 4,400 with NO portion of the Scripture. Every minute 62 people around the world die without Christ.

It is easy to become overwhelmed when the need is so great, but one has to remind himself that little is much in the hands of God. Remember that just one boy's lunch fed the multitudes. Remember that twelve men changed the course of history forever. In the history of Eastern and Roanoke it is amazing the difference one graduate has made. Consider the work of Dr. Ajai Lall with Central India Christian Mission – 700+ churches, orphanages, clinics, a printing ministry, and more. The work of George Powell in Oregon with a multi-campus congregation. The 30-year work of Frank Reynolds in New Hampshire. The long and fruitful ministry of Jimmy Bennett in Virginia. The growth and outreach of Ray West's work in North Carolina . . . the list could go on and on. Just one can make such a huge difference.

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## From the Office of the President

In the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ there are many reasons for encouragement. Many groups are taking bold steps to reverse the trend of fewer men interested in ministry. If we do not reverse the trend now, the future of our movement could be in significant jeopardy with the lack of preachers/ministers. Christian camps are seeking to partner with our colleges to send more students. CIY has placed a major emphasis on Kingdom workers, hoping to send significant numbers to our colleges to study for ministry. Restoration Revolution, out of the National Missionary Convention, is seeking to identify, equip, and deploy 10,000 new missionaries, preachers, and full-time Christian leaders. Church planting organizations are boldly moving forward. Our colleges in the Restoration Movement are seeking to cooperate in a new way to encourage our churches to renew the call for young and young at heart to consider ministry! The spirit of God is moving in a mighty way.

We all need to be intentionally challenging men and women to consider vocational ministry. By the year 2020, Mid-Atlantic desires to have 10 different ministerial degrees to educate those who will work in vocational ministry. Did you know that 80% of the male graduates from Mid-Atlantic are in vocational ministry? We educate ministers! There are 246 churches that support Mid-Atlantic. What if each church sent one student every year, especially to study preaching? We would begin to fill the gap needed for ministers. There are nearly 6,000 families receiving this publication. What if every family would encourage one person to study at Mid-Atlantic and to consider vocational ministry? God's Kingdom would advance in a mighty way.

So, will you join me in this prayer: "Lord, will you allow me to talk to just one person each year who would have a desire to attend Mid-Atlantic, especially to study preaching. Just one, please. Amen." It would be great to see all of our colleges overwhelmed with students passionate about being a Kingdom worker. God longs to see heaven full with the many these workers will introduce to His Kingdom.

Just one, please.

Serving Those Who Serve,

*Clay*

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.  
President



## Is there a "Timothy" in your life?

### A challenge from a preacher

During the Ministry Intensive Class at MACU this past January, Bob Russell said that one regret he had in his long and successful ministry at Southeast Christian Church (Louisville, KY) was that he never taught a class on preaching, challenging men to go into the ministry. I also have that same regret. Let's turn these regrets into our challenge! This summer at Jarvisburg, I plan to start a "Timothy Club." The Apostle Paul took Timothy under his wing and trained him for ministry. I want to challenge every preacher who receives the Messenger to do likewise. Start a class to teach men how to prepare a sermon and then give them the opportunity to preach it!

Each year as part of an outreach of the Preaching Ministry Advisory Counsel, **Bobby Wallace '00** sponsors a Timothy Club Retreat on the MACU campus. This is a great time of rich fellowship, where men both young and old are challenged to dedicate their lives to preaching the Word. If you are willing to start a Timothy Club at your church, please let me know via email at [decree3@juno.com](mailto:decree3@juno.com). I will pray for you and encourage your group throughout the process. I will also see that you receive Timothy Club Retreat registrations.

President Clay Perkins said recently that many churches call the college regularly looking for ministers. To them, he says, "You send us men, we'll send you preachers." The desire to influence the next generation of preachers is heavy on my heart, especially as I age. Let's take on this challenge today!

Dennis Crehan '93  
Minister, Jarvisburg Church of Christ  
Jarvisburg, NC



*At the retreat during spring semester, the seed of challenge was given. D.J. Maxey '04 issued a challenge to listen for God's call for ministry and then described what ministry is like. Dennis Crehan challenged the young men to be like Ezra, who studied, obeyed, and taught his generation.*

## Spiritual Emphasis Week

George Dillard, senior minister with Peachtree City Christian Church in Peachtree City, GA, was on campus for Spiritual Emphasis Week, Mar. 9-12. Brother Dillard spoke in chapel twice and three times in the evening. His "Food for Thought" series compared coming to the table to our spiritual lives, such as preparing the table, giving thanks, the actual meal, and what to do with the leftovers.

## Preachers of the Month

### December – Phil Strunk ECC '86

Phil Strunk has spent 24 years in ministry serving two congregations – Mt. Union Christian Church, Slanesville, WV (1986-1991), and Bux-Mont Christian Church, Ivyland, PA (1991 – present). He graduated from Eastern Christian College in 1986 with a B.A. in Biblical Studies and was ordained by the Howard Christian Church (formerly Walnut Street Church of Christ) in Howard, PA. Phil's favorite text is found in Ephesians: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (3:20, 21, NASB). Of his love of preaching the Gospel, he said, in part, "I am amazed at the privilege I have to stand before the Church and guests to give them a message from God's Word." He is married to the former Lesa Bumgarner; they have three children.



### January – Jim Herbst ECC '95

Jim Herbst graduated from Eastern Christian College in 1995 and that same year was ordained by Winifred Road Church of Christ, Cumberland, MD. He later earned an M.A. from Lincoln Christian Seminary Chicago Center for Urban Mission. He has preached for Hazelwood Christian Church in Pittsburg, PA, since 2000. Jim's favorite text is "Take courage, stand up! He is calling you" (Mark 10:49, NASB). As a favorite quote, he selected wisdom from Philip Yancey: "When I stood outside the church looking in I found much to criticize. . . . I have much more sympathy for the church's failures now that I am contributing to them!" When asked why he loves being a preacher, he said, "With all the informational and religious noise in which we live, good preaching still has power to silence the soul like nothing else." He is married to the former Jenny Thornton '07.



### February – Linden Keffer ECC

Linden Keffer attended Eastern Christian College (1965-1968) and later earned a B.A. degree from Milligan College. He was ordained by Vanderbilt Church of Christ, Vanderbilt, PA. He preached for Bethany Christian Church in Bumpass, VA, and Calvary Christian Church in Glen Allen, VA, before coming to serve Bonnie Brae Church of Christ in Richmond, VA, 28 years ago, where he continues. He cites Colossians 1:27, 28 (NIV) as his favorite text: "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this great mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone in Christ." Linden said, "I am absolutely honored to speak a word for my Master. There is nothing I could do that would make me happier or satisfy me more than to serve God and His people as a preacher." He and his wife, Shirley (Martin), have two children and two grandchildren.





## President Griffin Named to Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Mid-Atlantic again had the opportunity to be instrumental in seeing that another one of her own was recognized for a life of service, to give honor where honor is due. As the scripture says: "... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor" (Romans 13:7).

The Office of the President at Mid-Atlantic Christian University, in conjunction with the Office of the Governor of the State of North Carolina under Governor Beverly Perdue's leadership, is pleased to announce that her second president, William A. Griffin (1986-2006), was presented the highest civilian honor awarded by the State of North Carolina, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Representative Bill Owens (NC House, District 1), who grew up across the street from the college, presented the award at the opening service of the Gospel Rally, Mar. 18.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is awarded to citizens who have performed public service in the State for a minimum of 30 years. President Griffin was cited for his 47 years of service – 20 of them as president – with a North Carolina university that has educated more than 3,200 students (who now serve in 45 states and 13 countries). He has also written two historical books, *Antebellum Elizabeth City* and *Roanoke Bible College: The First 25 Years*.

Please join the Mid-Atlantic family in congratulating President Griffin and in thanking him for his years of service. You may write him at the university address, 715 N. Poindexter St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909.



## Ten Named 'Trustee Emeritus'

Through the years former trustees have been recognized for their service on the Board of Trustees, a service they graciously perform pro bono. As the body charged with the oversight of the corporation (Mid-Atlantic Christian University, Inc.), their work is vital, even more so as they also serve to keep the school true to her founding purposes. At the Friday morning session of the rally, ten trustees, each of whom served a minimum of 20 years on the board, joined those previously named to this lifelong honorary position: Ralph K. Bennett, 1977-2002; George W. BonDurant, 1948-1986; Rebecca Turner West, 1989-2009. Family members accepted certificates on behalf of those named posthumously: Henry Clay Owney, 1958-2004; Harry W. Pritchett, 1950-1979; David E. Rhodes, 1959-1989; Redden H. Shavender, 1950-1976; Kenneth C. Swain, 1958-1989; Harold C. Turner, Sr., 1948-1985; Guy Woolard, 1967-1992.



Brothers Elwood and Jimmy Swain accept the Trustee Emeritus certificate given posthumously to their father, Kenneth Swain, a trustee for 31 years.

## Out of the Classroom, into the World

Mid-Atlantic students, as well as a number of faculty and staff, will be applying their education to reaching the world for Jesus this summer. Many of those mentioned are enrolled in programs of study that require an internship; others not. But all have joyfully accepted varying and challenging places to serve this summer. The list is not exhaustive.

**Brian and Annie Barr** are at Diamond Willow Ministries on the Crow Creek Sioux Indian Reservation in Fort Thompson, SD. **Josh Nunez** is in a cross-cultural Hispanic ministry, Chesapeake, VA. **Danielle Ball** is working with Pioneer Bible Translators in Tanzania, East Africa. **Nishant Walter** is interning with Central India Christian Mission. **Emilie Cooper** has a 10-week internship with Team Expansion in Eastern Europe. **Ethan Coltrain** and **Melissa Stephenson** are serving with Service-learning Director **Renee Lease** in Haiti May 20-29. **Rachel Foxx** is interning in Spain, and **David Broyles** will work in Africa.

Other faculty and staff traveling this summer include **Vice President for Development Keith Wood**, who will spend three weeks in Ghana and Togo, West Africa. **Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Larsen** will be teaching in Minsk, Belarus, and Vienna, Austria, June 18-July 8. **Dr. Bob Smith** is returning to Jordan June 15-August 7 to excavate the mosaic floor of the fifth century phase of a Byzantine Church, at Abila in Palestina Secunda. The object is to discover tabula insata inscriptions that would help to date the structure, name its patrons, and give insight to the Christian community.

## The Word to the World - 2010 at MACU

MACU is presenting The Word to the World Conference on campus Sept. 9-11, 2010. The purpose of the conference is to recruit people to the Applied Linguistics Major and to other related majors at MACU in order to meet the huge need for Bible translators by exposing potential students and church leaders who know potential students to the world of Bible translation.

Guest speakers will be from the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, Pioneer Bible Translators, and Wycliffe Bible Translators. Watch for program and application information coming soon via email, the postal mail, and the university website. Dr. Lee Fields is overseeing this event and may be reached at 252.334.2080 or lee.fields@macuniversity.edu.

## Reaffirmed!

**The Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) recently reaffirmed Mid-Atlantic's accreditation for another ten years (until 2020).**

**On November 1, the university will submit a progress report addressing financial exigency, enrollment, professional development, and library service.**

**The university has been accredited by ABHE since 1979.**



**Wendy Guthrie** has accepted a teaching position at Florida Christian College and thus is saying goodbye to the halls of MACU. For twelve years Mrs. Guthrie, professor of English, has helped students hone their composition skills and helped them appreciate literature. Her ability to educate students will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike. This year Mrs. Guthrie was chosen by her peers to be recognized as Mid-Atlantic's Teacher of the Year. She also received the honor in 2004.

Her service to MACU extended beyond the classroom. During her time here she also served the university as the Director of Learning Enhancement Services, and most recently she has been the Resident Hall Director overseeing a dormitory.

## Three Year-End Farewells



With bittersweet emotions the university says goodbye to **Renee Lease**, who has taught at MACU for 29 years in the Early Childhood and Education programs. For the past two years Mrs. Lease has also taken on the responsibility of guiding the service-learning department. In each of those years the university was named to the President's Honor Roll for Service. Our farewell is bittersweet because Mrs.

Lease possesses many skills and character traits that have enhanced the ministry of MACU. The school will miss her eager support of new ventures in academic programming and her encouragement for the need to change with the times in areas of policies that affect student life and academic affairs.

With the departure of Mrs. Lease the university is actively seeking to hire an individual with the correct credentials that will enable the school to have a teacher licensure program approved by the State of North Carolina.



Vice President for Finance **David Sayers** has accepted the position Vice President for Finance and Development with Florida Christian College. The university appreciates his three years of leading the finance department and his role in the Leadership and Administration program of study, where he served as a teacher and as program advisor.

**The university wishes well to each of these gifted and devoted servants as they continue to serve the Lord in other places.**



## Class of 2010 Challenged to Show Extreme Love

In a world marked by acts of extremism, commencement speaker **Dr. Ajai Lall '83** challenged members of the Class of 2010 on May 8 to be Christian extremists – making the world a better place and expanding the borders of the Kingdom by extending to others extreme love, compassion, and service. Dr. Lall and his wife, Dr. Indu Lall, lead Central India Christian Mission, a work they established in 1983 that has touched many thousands of their countrymen.

Twenty graduates comprise the Class of 2010 (including the five whose degrees were conferred in August and January), raising the total of graduates to 1,143. Encouraging the graduates at baccalaureate May 7 was **Neal O. Alligood**, a 1998 graduate of MACU. Neal is an associate minister at Christ's Church at Cobb in the Greater Atlanta, GA, area. He has previously been on staff at MACU, a youth minister, and a campus minister.

Class speakers were Valedictorian **Crystal N. Conner** and Salutatorian **Charles E. "Charlie" Stephenson**. Honors and recognitions bestowed that day included those named to Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society: 2010 graduate **Charlie Stephenson** and 1978 alumnus **Commander John W. Maurice, CHC, USN**. Charlie also received this year's Timothy Award from the Alumni Association's Preaching Ministry Advisory Committee.



**Registrar Joan U. Sawyer** was honored for 40 years of service.

**Donald W. McKinney**, Associate Professor of Counseling, was recognized for 10 years of service. **Dr. Kevin W. Larsen**, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, and **Emmett P. Murphy**, Assistant Vice President for Development, were each recognized for five years of service.

Trustees honored were **Benjamin H. Allen** and **James A. Bennett** for 25 years of service, **Gene M. Langley** for 20 years, **Darrell M. Blackwell** for 10 years, and **Wyett H. Colclasure II** and **Curt W. Nordhielm** for 5 years.

Juniors **Gregory M. Webb** and **Tiffanie A. Brickhouse** earned the rank of first marshal and second marshal, respectively.

All MACU four-year graduates hold majors in Biblical Exposition or Biblical Studies; additional majors and minors are listed under their names and honors marked for four-year graduates - *cum laude*.\*



## History Made: MACU and CIBA 'Sister Schools'

Dr. Ajai Lall, representing Central India Biblical Academy (CIBA), and Dr. Clay Perkins of Mid-Atlantic signed an agreement at graduation declaring the two "sister schools." The boards of both Mid-Atlantic Christian University and Central India Christian Mission voted unanimously to begin this sister school relationship. As sister schools, both schools will benefit from a continual exchange of students, professors, and other personnel. Leaders from each mission will continue to collaborate on further aspects of this sister school relationship.

This agreement is the first step in fulfilling one part of Mid-Atlantic's vision to be a growing community of superior biblical higher education. Recently the Board of Trustees approved a Vision 2020 document. Vision is a preferred future. In Mid-Atlantic Christian University's future, we prefer one of our realities to be having three sister school relationships with other Christian universities/Bible colleges around the globe. CIBA is the first.



Photo by Brett A. Clark, *The Daily Advance*



**Sara E. Biggs**  
BS/Elementary  
Education  
Hertford, NC



**Alina L. Burton**  
BS/Elementary  
Education  
Virginia Beach, VA



**Joseph G. Burton**  
BS/Counseling,  
Preaching Ministry  
Salisbury, MD



**Crystal N. Conner\***  
BS/Leadership &  
Administration  
Baltimore, MD



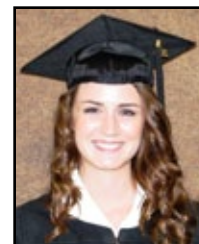
**Joshua G. Curry**  
BS/Youth & Family  
Ministry  
Chesapeake, VA



**Christopher A. Gallihugh**  
BS/Counseling  
Portsmouth, VA



**Kevin S. Hennessey**  
BS/Leadership &  
Administration  
DeSoto, TX



**Kayln A. Lean**  
BS/Elementary  
Education  
Martinsville, VA



**Richard J. Meister**  
BA/Applied Linguistics  
Hampton, VA



**Charles E. Stephenson**  
BA/Preaching Ministry,  
Counseling, Youth Ministry  
Chesapeake, VA



**Austin B. Evans**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
Washington, NC



**Amanda T. Kight**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
Moyock, NC



**Jacob R. Okerlund**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
Norfolk, VA



**Timothy J. Premo**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
Portsmouth, VA



**Riley V. Smith**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies  
Elizabeth City, NC

## MLK Day of Service - Jan. 18, 2010

230 volunteers from MACU, churches, and the community gathered in the gym to bag over 61,000 individual meals that were sent to Haiti. Donations topped \$11,000 for Kids Against Hunger to pay for the food and shipment. The night before, teens and sponsors attending Sunday Night Live gave over \$2,000 of that total. At press time, Renee Lease and students Ethan Coltrain and Melissa Stephenson were in Haiti ministering to the hungry and those ravaged by the earthquake. [See President's Service Honor Roll story on p. 9]



## Additional Graduates

Graduates of the Class of 2010 whose degrees were conferred previously

### August 2009

**Kimberly L. Cooper**  
BS/Leadership and  
Administration

**Stephanie L. Gray, honors**  
Assoc/Biblical Studies

**Aaron J. Grosjean**  
BS/Worship and Music  
Ministry

### January 2010

**Allie Cecil**  
Assoc/App Science

**E. Rebecca Robbins,**  
**magna cum laude**  
BS/Leadership and  
Administration



## Way To Go!

### Spring 2010 Dean's List

Congratulations to those named to the Dean's List this term. 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 (\*).

Kenneth C. Chilcoat*	Craig D. Layfield*
Kimberly E. Clarke	Kyle Layfield
Irving R. Cohoon	Robert M. Lewis
Jacqueline A. Cohoon-Kight*	Danika J. Morales
Crystal N. Conner	Ryanne K. Nosay
Bryan E. Cooper*	James T. Packe
Jimmie T. Everette	Mary E. Peale
Deborah L. Green-Smith	Kaylin M. Sass
Jared M. Hedges	Jacob T. Smith
Jessica M. Hennessey*	Gregory M. Webb*
Aimee C. LaFever	

### Honors Chapel Award Recipients

The following people were recognized at Honors Chapel on Wednesday, April 28, 2010:

#### Association of Christian Librarians Research Award

Charles Stephenson

#### Cross Cultural Award

Joshua Nunez

#### Discipleship Group Leaders

Rod Serphen, Christopher Stanley, Charles Stephenson

#### Leadership and Administration Award

Crystal Conner

#### "Lean on Me" Dormitory Award

Chris Amyx, Rachel Foxx, A. L. Holloway,  
Corbin Kuhn, Aimee LaFever

#### LENS Awards

Sara Biggs, Amanda Brandon, Andrew Bromm,  
Nicole Camden, Ethan Coltrain, Taylor Everette,  
Jordan Kimball, Carrie Schwartz

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

Rich Meister

#### Student Life Committee

Andrew Bromm, Aimee LaFever

#### Studies in Biblical Languages/ MACU-Zondervan Greek Award

Craig Layfield

#### Worship & Music Ministry

Stephen Brooks

#### Youth & Family Ministry

Carrie Schwartz

#### Yearbook Dedicatee

Dr. Clay Perkins

## Pruett Honored for Life of Service

### Dennis D. Pruett, M.D., awarded Doctor of Divinity



From battlefield to classroom to operating room to mission point to boardroom – all of these are places Dennis D. Pruett, M.D., has made his mark on the world. On May 8 Mid-Atlantic honored his years of service by awarding him the degree Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa.

Born in West Virginia in 1924, Pruett enlisted in the U.S. Naval Air Corps after high school graduation and fought in World War II, earning a Purple Heart, the Air Medal with four stars, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Following WWII he attended Kentucky Christian University and married Lucille Garten. After graduation he began medical school at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University. During that time he helped establish and preached for two churches in Winston-Salem. He and Lucy had four children and all pursued careers in medicine or Christian missions, or both.

In 1956, "Doc" and Lucy, along with John and Marge Pemberton, established Central African Mission in Zimbabwe, originally named Mashoko Christian Mission. The mission became home for more than 70 missionary families and included physicians, dentists, nurses, preachers, educators, builders, and other support personnel.

Dr. Pruett established the Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism (FAME) in 1970 and served as president until 1985. Also in 1970, he established Zimbabwe Christian College. In 1985, he began HASTEN (Health and Salvation to Every Nation) International, which supports missionaries in six countries.

Following Lucy's death in 1988, Dr. Pruett met and married Dr. Jean Craig. They continue to work tirelessly visiting churches and missions, and administering the work of the Lord through HASTEN. She holds a doctorate in Health Science and assists Dr. Pruett at Old Town Immediate and Family Care, a clinic they established. It has received the highest award given to immediate care facilities in Winston-Salem, NC.

The ministry of Dr. Pruett has spanned more than fifty years. His love for the Lord is marked by years of preparation and by dedication to the spiritual and physical well-being of others, especially those in very poor countries. In the past four years Dr. Pruett has written five books with three others in progress. His vision is matched only by his accomplishments. With no plans to retire from either preaching or medicine, Dr. Pruett continues to be a visionary for the missionary work of the church.

## 'It was the best of times; it was the worst of times'

### by Vice President for Development Keith Wood



This opening line from the classic Dickens novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, could be an apt description of this year at MACU. We have seen God's blessing in so many ways. We have sent 20 more extraordinary Christian leaders into the field this past academic year.

They will be preachers, youth ministers, teachers, camp

managers, missionaries, and more. We were awarded the Presidential Honor Roll for community service for the third time. One highlight of our community service this past year was our food packaging service project on Martin Luther King Day. We packaged over 61,000 meals that were shipped to earthquake stricken Haiti. We had an accreditation review visit from the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), one of our accrediting bodies. The hard work paid off, however, in February when our accreditation was extended another 10 years! Even in the midst of our financial difficulties, which ABHE noted, the association was satisfied with the steps we were taking and the course we were charting for the future.

Our major financial issues this year stem from the loss of our housing contract with Elizabeth City State University. For two years we had been renting unused dorm space to ECSU. We had a signed contract for this year as well. However, our Governor rescinded many state contracts last summer and put them up for rebid. A local hotel that was about to go out of business received the contract. This lost contract left us with a \$350,000 shortfall in our budget. We have been making cuts; however, we will still be almost \$200,000 short of where we need to be at the end of our fiscal year, June 30.

To make things worse, the Department of Education has determined that we will not receive student funds (grants, etc.) until September. We have previously been able to draw those funds in August to help cover the financially lean summer months. This ruling has left us with a serious cash flow crunch.

Even though our long term prognosis looks promising, our short term liquidity issues are critical. We continue to tighten our belts, but honestly, WE NEED YOUR HELP! First of all, would you pray for our current situation? We know God has the resources to take care of this need. Pray that God would lead us to those resources. Second, would you consider being an answer to that prayer? Could you make a special one-time gift, above and beyond your regular giving, to this need? Perhaps you might also challenge your churches, family, and friends to make a special gift as well. We will need some \$50 gifts, some \$500 gifts, some \$5,000 gifts, and many in between. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might help. Please send your gift in the attached envelope.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry of impacting the world by transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Christian leaders. Thank you for rejoicing in our successes and standing with us in our times of need.

### MACU Named to President's Service Honor Roll Again

Mid-Atlantic has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third time. Launched in 2006, the Honor Roll acknowledges colleges and universities that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning. Honorees for the various award levels were selected based on a series of factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers service-learning courses.

Renee Lease, Director of Service-learning, stated, "This award is for our overall emphasis on service. I included in the application all aspects of what we do – service-learning courses that get students into non-profit community organizations and churches, Alternative Spring Break sponsored by DARTS [working with Habitat for Humanity in Florida], and the MLK Campus Wide community service day."

Over 700 schools were listed on the Honor Roll for their community service activities during the 2008-2009 academic year, including 40 in North Carolina.

## 2010 MACU Events

July 6-9	NACC, Indianapolis
Aug. 15	Sunday Night Live
Aug. 16-20	Early Fall Intensives
Aug. 23	Classes begin, 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9-11	Word to the World Conference
Sept. 11	28th Annual Softball Tournament*
Sept. 14	Tuesday Tour
Sept. 18	Biker's Rally
Sept. 28	'11 Gospel Rally Committee mtg.
Oct. 3	Mid-Atlantic Day
Oct. 9-16	Alumni & Friends Cruise
Oct. 11-15	Fall Break
Oct. 17	Sunday Night Live
Oct. 19-21	Mission Emphasis Week
Oct. 21	Mid-Atlantic Foundation mtg.
Oct. 22	Trustees mtg.
Nov. 12-14	Eastern Christian Convention Hershey, PA
Nov. 16	Tuesday Tour
Nov. 18-21	National Missionary Convention Lexington, KY
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 13-17	Exams

\*To be held at Elizabeth City Parks & Rec fields.  
Contact Ron Stuart, 252.207.8526 or  
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## Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Congratulations to the seniors named to Who's Who for the 2009-2010 school year. Their selection reflects academic success, citizenship, leadership, and service to others.

**Christopher A. Gallihugh**, youth minister, Geneva Park Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA

**Joshua A. Nunez**, summer intern, cross-cultural Hispanic ministry, Chesapeake, VA

**Joshua D. Rose**, children's minister, First Church of Christ, Washington, NC

**Charles E. Stephenson**, manager, Camp Rudolph, Yale, VA





Ministries and Service

**Barry McCarty '75** is Senior Pastor with Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, GA.

**Lee Ashely '84** is preaching for Greenbay Christian Church, Chatham, VA.

**Lori Talley Dunn '85** is serving as Children's Director at Gethsemane Church of Christ, Mechanicsville, VA.

**Woodie Rea '85** is the new Chaplain at Lake Prince Woods retirement community in Suffolk, VA, having previously worked as a chaplain in the Riverside Health Care Network in Newport News, VA.

**Tony Wolf '93** has been called to lead worship for New Venture Church in Titusville, FL.

**Bobby Johnson '90** has been called by Life Point Christian Church, Chesapeake, VA, to serve as Worship Minister.

**Rick Messer '96** is completing a Master's degree and anticipates becoming a chaplain in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

**Wayne Wagner '00** is Senior Minister for Liverpool Christian Church, Liverpool, NY.

**Greg Coverdale '02** is now Associate Minister with Two Rivers Church of Christ in New Bern, NC.

**Danny Quidgeon '05** is Youth Minister with Sheva Church of Christ, Chatham, VA.

**Duane Crosby ex'06** is with Northampton Church of Christ, Hampton, VA, as Youth and Children's Minister.

**Kurt Juergens '09** has been called as Associate Pastor by Community Christian Church in New York, NY.

**Joe '10 and Alina McGriff '10 Burton** are in Cambridge, MD, where Joe is pursuing becoming a State Trooper and Alina will be teaching fifth and sixth grades at Countryside Christian School.

**Junior Chris Williams** is Youth Minister at St. Clairs Church of Christ, Bath, NC.

**Sophomore Luke Swain** is serving Phillippi Church of Christ, Creswell, NC, as Youth Minister.

Weddings

James Allen Ogles and **Heidi Jenelle-Smith ex'04**, Oct. 16, '09

Timothy Kugel and **Justine Angell ex'09**, Jan. 2

**Brad Linton ex'12** and **Sarah Hayes ex'10**, Jan. 9

Jason Sleichter and **Penny Spruill '98**, Mar. 27

**Spenser Haskett '09** and **Allie Cecil '10**, Apr. 17

**Freshmen Hassie Allen** and Danuta Everette, Apr. 23

Mark Webber and **Ellen Potter Barmes '76**, May 8

**Seniors Taylor Everette** and **Jo Kimball**, May 22

Intensify Your Knowledge

Early Fall Intensives in August

Introduction to Linguistics - Aug 18-24 - Dr. Rondal Smith - 3 credits

Introduction to Church Growth - Aug. 16-18 - Brent Brady - 2 credits

Small Group Ministry - Aug. 19-20 - Brent Brady - 1 credit

What is Worship? - Aug. 16-20 - Sam Loveall - 3 credits

Creating Paths to Worship - Aug. 16-20 - Phil Slocum - 3 credits

New Family Members

**Cody ex'13** and **Ashley Baker ex'13 Brinkley**: Landon, Sept. 23

**Daryl '02** and Manda **Woolard**: Duron Cole, Dec. 11

David and **Karen Rountree Lawson '95**: Christian James and Grayson Reid, Jan. 1

**Danny '05** and Brittany **Quidgeon**: Mackenzie Lynn, Feb. 14

**Les '05** and **Katie Lean '06 Croft**: Roc Owen, Mar. 1

**Jon '92** and Ira **Murphy**: Charleze, Mar. 17

Brett and **Charlotte Damron**, *Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs*: Landon Marshall Damron, Mar. 19

**Dave '03** and **Jennifer Kemp '03 Van Buskirk**: Nathan Gregory, Mar. 19

Jason and **Emily Lynn '06 Ford**: Hannah Rose, Mar. 26

Joe and **Beth Van Buskirk '05 Thompson**: Brennen Michael, Apr. 2

Stephen and **Tracy Lipscomb '03 Crowe**: Carly Janelle, Apr. 14

**Zach '02** and **Angela Lease '01 Lister**: Natalie Elease, Apr. 24

**Eddie '96** and **Lisa Watts ex'03 Ewell**: Carter Rocke, Apr. 28

**Michael '07** and **Crystal Williams ex'08 Dawson**: Alivia Paige, May 7

**Thomas ex '06** and **Shelly Whitaker '03 Yager**: Baylee Lynn, May 11

Other News & Notes

In February **Will ECC'70** and **Carolyn ECC'71 Strunk** celebrated 30 years at Grover Church of Christ, Grover, PA.

**Tom Kilian '94** visited Darfur in February, partnering with Make Way Partners. He is seeking to minister to children in Darfur and to lay foundation work for a return trip in November. To learn more about his work, visit [www.DarfurChristianMission.com](http://www.DarfurChristianMission.com).

Sympathy is expressed to **Ivan '95** and Betty **Mounts** and to **Joseph Mounts '94** on the Feb. 18 death of Heather Mounts, their daughter and sister, respectively.

**Bob Moulden '72**, senior minister of Plymouth Church of Christ, Plymouth, NC, was named Citizen of the Year by the Washington County (NC) Chamber of Commerce.

On June 30, **Frank Reynolds '76** steps down as senior pastor with Manchester Christian Church, Manchester, NH. He and **Myra '76** have served the church and the Northeast 30 years.

**Josh Curry '10** was ordained May 2 by the elders of Colonial Heights Church of Christ, Norfolk, VA, and West Park Church of Christ, Portsmouth, VA.

Congratulations to **George Powell '77**, senior pastor of Abundant Life Christian Church in Happy Valley. OR, who was named to *Outreach* magazine's list of "100 Fastest Growing Churches in America" for 2009.

**Kay Dezern ex'79** is in her sixth year of facilitating a grief support group, GriefShare, at her church.

**Dr. Robert Reese** presented a paper, "The Homogeneous Unit Principle Revisited," at the southeastern regional meeting of The Evangelical Theological Society held Mar. 19-20.

Library Director **Frank Dodson** and ten students headed to Florida during spring break week, but not for vacation. As the MACU DARTS (Disaster Assistance Response Team – Students), they partnered with East Pasco Habitat for Humanity in Dade City, FL, to help build new houses, remodel houses, and salvage reusable items from old houses before they were demolished.

To the General Fund

**Jean Bobbitt Aycock (Memory)**  
by M/M Howard Guidry

**John Butch, Diane Dye, Margit Price, Jerry and Heria Reed, Scott and Eva Spiegel, Stan and Teri Wells, John and Jean Wilson (Honor)**  
by M/M Emmett Murphy

**Angela C. Dajon (Memory)**  
by M/M Tony Dajon

**Allen Herndon (Memory)**  
by Corinne Herndon

**Laura Brabble Krantz (Memory)**  
**David Alan Jones (Honor)**  
by M/M David A. Jones

**Renee' Lease (Honor)**  
by Fred J. Pressley

**Pamela Little (Memory)**  
by M/M David Little

**Dusty Lowen (Memory)**  
by Hallie Dressler

**Eddie and Sharon Lowen (Honor)**  
by West Side Christian Church, Springfield, IL

**M/M Malcolm Puckett (Honor)**  
by M/M Dale Kendrick

**Matthew Wagner (Honor)**  
by M/M Ray Wagner

To the MACU Foundation

**Carolyn Allen (Memory)**  
by M/M Larry Allen, Robert E. Allen, M/M Mike Clemet, D/M Ken Greene, Mildred Greer, MACU, M/M Gene Peters, M/M Charles Sams, M/M Rick Walston

**M/M David Alexander, M/M Billy Nicholson, M/M Fred Suter, M/M Jerry Williams, M/M Ronnie Woolard (Honor)**  
by M/M Bob Moulden

**Odis and Ruby Bennett, John West (Memory)**  
by Jean W. Higginbotham

**Beth BonDurant (Honor)**  
by George W. BonDurant

**Sarah P. BonDurant (Memory)**  
by Beth BonDurant, George W. BonDurant, Shirley Taylor Jenkins

**Hilton O. Chesson, Sr.; Geany R. Curlee; H. "Sandy" Johnson; Robert Kidwell; A. Eugene Perry; David C. Powers; Denver Sizemore; Wayne Tankard; William M. Waters (Memory)**  
by D/M D. Clay Perkins

**Robert Cuthbertson (Memory)**  
by Kendall Price Cuthbertson, Mary Sue Dean, Shirley Silcox

**Lucy Duke and Iola Keffer (Memory)**  
by M/M Linden B. Keffer

**Lee Fields (Honor)**  
by M/M Robert Ourada

**Fritz/Flint (Memory)**  
by M/M Denis M. Fritz, Martin Fritz

**Jake Griffin, John and Lucy Griffin, John Swindell (Memory)**  
**Janie Swindell (Honor)**  
by M/M William A. Griffin

**Robert Johnson (Honor)**  
by Draper (NC) Christian Church

**Rich and Cheryl Lindsley (Honor)**  
by M/M David K. Taylor, Jr.

**Frances L. Mills (Memory)**  
by Jerelene M. Richards, M/M Steven Richards

**Bob Moulden (Honor)**  
by M/M Billy B. Nicholson

**Marshall and Viola Murphy (Memory)**  
by M/M Floyd L. Lane, Jr.; M/M Emmett Murphy

**Dennis Myers (Memory)**  
by Geneva Park Church of Christ, Chesapeake, VA

**Clay and Sandra Perkins (Honor)**  
by M/M J. Glenn Crocker, Jr.

**Grace Presley (Honor)**  
**Pearl A. Presley (Memory)**  
by Beth BonDurant, George W. BonDurant

**Neal Puckett (Honor)**  
by M/M Malcolm Puckett

**J.T. and Addie Maye Segroves (Memory)**  
by M/M Sherrill J. Fritts, Jonita Shoaff

**Lamira Slagle (Memory)**  
by Jimmie Slagle

**Melvin and Dorothy Styons (Honor)**  
by Corinne Herndon

**Luke Ericson Woolard (Memory)**  
by M/M Eric Woolard

**M/M Raymond Barnes, Richard Collins, Carl Harry, Gene Krugman, Henry Clay Owney, Guy Woolard, Luke Woolard (Memory)**

**Phillip and Ora Jane Alligood, Neil Anglen, Jefferson Barbour, Cheryl Barboza, Beth BonDurant, George BonDurant, Gregg and Dori Breisch, M/M Al Clark, Ginger Coltrain, D/M Larry Cooper, Brandon Craig, Jay Crawley, Paul and Chiki Davis, George Dillard, William Dillard, Jonathan Duffer, M/M Ken Edwards, M/M Ezekiel Fish, Delores Gibbs, M/M Craig Hagen, Mike Harden, Mark Hatchel, Kevin Hennessey, Tim Hunt, Susan Johns, Larry Jones, M/M Melvin Jones, Steven Mills, M/M Chris Minton, M/M Phillip Murdock, Emmett and Dolores Murphy, M/M Al**

**Perry, M/M Jonathan Poyner, M/M Eric Pruitt, M/M Malcolm Puckett, M/M Rick Robie, Johnny and Helen Scott, Charlie and Melissa Stephenson, Carol Stuart, D/M Melvin Styons, D/M Michael Sutton, Kathy and D.K. Taylor, M/M James Tigchelaar, Regina Turner, David Wheeler, Bob and Lori White, Karen Williams, Rashida Williams, David Willis, M/M Tony Wolf, Dena Dudgeon Woodward, M/M Mark Woolard (Honor)**  
by Rich and Cheryl Lindsley

To The Library

**James Davis Broughman (Memory)**  
by M/M Denis Fritz

**Ayden Jones (Memory)**  
by M/M Frank Dodson

**Luke Woolard (Memory)**  
by M/M Kenneth Edwards and Caleb

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The Ambassadors and admissions counselors will be serving in camps near you (and nearby congregations). Please make yourself known to them this summer.

### June 13-19

CIY, Milligan College, TN  
Round Lake, OH

### June 20-26

Oak Hill Christian Camp, VA  
Camp Pitt, VA  
Roanoke Christian Camp, NC  
Delmarva Christian Service Camp, DE  
CIY, Milligan College, TN

### June 27-July 3

Blue Ridge Camp, VA  
CIY, Johnson Bible College, TN  
Camp Rudolph, VA  
Roanoke Christian Camp, NC

### July 4-10

Camp Rudolph, VA  
North American Christian Convention  
Park Springs, NC  
N. Florida Christian Camp, FL  
Roanoke Christian Camp, NC

### July 11-17

Tri-State Christian Camp, VA  
CIY, Lee University, TN  
Oak Hill Christian Camp, VA  
Camp Pitt, VA

### July 18-24

CIY, Lee University, TN  
CIY, University of Scranton, PA

### July 25-31

Indian Lake Christian Camp, MD  
CIY, Lee University, TN

### Aug 1-7

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July 6-9, Indianapolis



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Representing MACU in camps and churches (clockwise from bottom):  
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Matt Proffitt, Kevin McNeil.

