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so the world may hear

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“Just What Were You Thinking?”

Recently I attended a board meeting for one of our excellent para-church ministries. At the end of the meeting, two new friends, both of whom are very sound in business, asked me what they thought was an awkward question, “Just what were you thinking? Why did you become a leader at one of our Bible colleges?”

They went on to say things like: “Talk about a lousy business plan...the government subsidizes higher education, especially the first two years. The student pays a fraction of what it costs for the education, and they think they are being overcharged. At any given moment, many of your stakeholders think you are too liberal, while at the same moment, many of your stakeholders think you are too conservative. So, Clay, you appear to be a bright guy with a sound business mind. Just what were you thinking?”

I was thinking . . . I love ministry. What a joy it is to nudge people of all ages to consider ministry. Nishant Walter is at MACU. He is from the country of India. He plans to go back and work with Central India Christian Mission. Ryan Puterbaugh, from First Christian Church Ministries (a mega church I served for twelve years) is preparing for cross-cultural ministry, perhaps as a Bible translator.

I was thinking . . . I love preaching. If we are not educating the next generation of ministers, we are in some serious trouble. On the front page of this Messenger you see a group of men who desire to be preachers. They come to us from all backgrounds. Among them are Phillip Jones and Chris Stanley, both from United Christian Church in Virginia. We are committed to partnering with you to fan the flame of educating more and more preachers. Send us men, and we will send you preachers.

I was thinking . . . I love Biblical higher education. All disciplines of study in higher education are best taught from a Christian world view. Alina Burton is studying elementary education while her husband, Joe, prepares for the military chaplaincy. Jeff and Amy Hosman Bonner are in the leadership program, working toward their desire to begin a nonprofit that will serve those on society's fringes.



Dr. Perkins enjoys fishing. He enjoys educating “fishers of men” even more.

I am thinking . . . that Biblical higher education is worth your prayers and support. Please join the other churches and individuals who partner with us and send a monthly check so we can educate ministers, especially preachers, and in other disciplines so we can influence the culture for Christ. We are empowered by your prayers and enabled by your giving.

Now that is what I am thinking. Just what are you thinking?

Serving Those Who Serve,

Clay

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D.
President

Biblical higher education is worth your prayers and support.

Front Cover Photo:

Men enrolled in the preaching program who attended a Welcome Back dinner August 27: **Front** – Chris Williams, Nishant Walter, Richard Allen, Ray Luyk. **Center** – Rob Lewis, Bryan Cooper, Eric Allen. **Back** – Phillip Jones, Charlie Stephenson, Darryl Jenkins, Chris Matchem, Matthew Proffitt, Kyle Messer, Rod Serphen, Brian Barr.



Dr. Perkins gives those enrolled in the preaching program, along with their spouses, words of encouragement.

New Students at President's Dinner & Orientation, Fall 2009



Front Row: Alex Rojas, Alex Tidman, Amanda Steiner, Aimee LaFever, Niktasha McClintsey, Dakota Cowand, Brittany Meinsen, Eric Parker. **Second Row:** Ebony Jackson, Jay LaNunziata, Jessica Hennessey, Claire Stansky, Sarah Carpenito, Maddie Harris, Shante Branch, Vernelle Poole. **Third Row:** Travis Abele, Andrea Waltrip, Danika Morales, Laura Underwood, Jonathan Schipper, Catherine Lamm, Stephanie Furgerson, Stephanie Davis, Nishant Walter, Randy Ellis. **Fourth Row:** Antonio Jackson, Jacob Smith, Kyle Case, Jon Farley, Chris Amyx, T.J. Wallace, Kyle Layfield, Paul Boston, Eric Allen, Kayne Byerly, Dominic Townes. **Back Row:** Darryl Jenkins, Kevin McNeil, Matthew Proffitt, Robert Shields, Bryan Cooper, Landon Elliott, Corbin Kuhn, Kyle Messer, Lee Bolinsky, Luke Swain.

Congratulations, August Graduates

Three students became the first members of the Class of 2010, having had their degrees conferred in August:

Bachelor of Science

Kimberly Lynn Cooper - Majors: Leadership and Administration, Biblical Studies

Aaron Joshua Grosjean - Major: Biblical Exposition, Minor: Worship & Music Ministry

Associate of Arts: Biblical Studies

Stephanie Lewis Gray (honors)



Rob Shields wake boards on the Pasquotank River during new student orientation activities

Resident Assistants 2009 – 2010



Front Row: Jo Kimball, Taylor Everette. **Back Row:** Carrie Schwartz, Rachel Foxx, Andrea Strawderman, Greg Webb, Josh Nunez, Josh Curry.

Enrollment / Graduation Statistics

Enrollment stats at press time showed a 4% increase from last fall:

Head count – 170 (100 men, 70 women)
131 full time, 34 part time, 5 audit
FTE – 147.83

Student Right to Know/Graduation Rate Disclosure for the 2009-2010 Recruiting Year:

Fall 2003 Cohort (first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students)	44
Graduates within 150% of the program time	20
Graduation Rate	46%

3-year cohort average graduation rate is	46%
4-year cohort average graduation rate is	49%

(Eleven of the others [excluded by cohort definition] also graduated.)

May – Jeffrey A. Starkey '80

Jeff Starkey, who came to Mid-Atlantic from the Southwest Church of Christ in Barberton, OH, held a student preaching ministry with Sweet Home Church of Christ in Williamston, NC. He met Jo Knight '80 at MACU, and they married following graduation. He was ordained in 1981 by Southwest, and in 1982 received a Master of Divinity degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, OH. His ministries since graduation have taken him to Pennsylvania (Chewton, Wampum, 1982-84), Ohio (Holmesville, 1988-92), Indiana (New Whiteland, 1992-96), Virginia (Horsepasture, Ridgeway, 1996-2000), and Kansas (Bible Christian, Garden City, 2000-present). From 1984-88 he served in the 82nd Airborne Division and the 18th Airborne Corps Artillery and held interim ministries in Wilmington and Fayetteville, NC. Of preaching Jeff said, "To step before our Lord's assembly and open His Word is the most sacred privilege I have ever experienced. And I get to do that every week, week after week! What a great God we serve!" He and Jo have two children, both graduates of MACU: Ben '04 and Suzanne Hamilton '08.

July – Ronnie J. Woolard '72

In high school, Ronnie Woolard had heard and was determined to answer God's call on his life. During his years of college he met and married fellow student Trish Hitch '71. He was ordained by his home congregation, Rosemary Church of Christ, Washington, NC, in 1972. Ronnie received an MA from Lincoln Christian University in 1974. He and Trish returned to North Carolina, and Ronnie began a teaching ministry with MACU that is now in its 36th year. During those years he also earned an MDiv from Cincinnati Christian University in 1986 and has held ministries with three North Carolina churches (Pleasant Grove, Englehard, 1974-76; Bethlehem, Hertford, 1976-86; Towne South, Elizabeth City, 1986-2006). He has also conducted numerous revivals and taught evening classes in area churches. He and Trish have two children, Tara and Eric '01. Ronnie loves preaching because it is "work with eternal consequences. Engineers erect buildings which will eventually topple. Doctors heal bodies which will eventually die. Soldiers fight wars, but they will erupt again. But sharing the truths of God's Word will affect people for eternity."



June – Gregory D. Hand '84

Greg Hand and Tammy Hall married right before school began his freshman year in 1980. During his college years, Greg preached for Gum Neck Church of Christ in Columbia, NC, and continued one year after he graduated. He was ordained there in 1984. His second ministry, which began in 1985, is the one that continues today with Pleasant Hill Christian Church in Gasburg, VA. Greg cites 1 Timothy 1:15-17 as a favorite scripture passage and quotes from it when he states why he loves being a preacher: "I love being a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ because 'Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.' I am humbled that God would be gracious enough to call me to preach His Word. And if one eternal soul reaches Heaven because of my feeble efforts, then 'to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.'" Greg and Tammy have two sons, one daughter (Lynn White '02), and one grandchild.



50 Years in Ministry

Bill Griffin, MACU's second president and now Assistant to President Perkins, celebrates 50 years in ministry this October. His life of ministry coincides with the 50th anniversary celebration of West Park Church of Christ in Portsmouth, VA, where, beginning in his sophomore year, he held his first ministry. He preached for West Park from the congregation's second Sunday and continued through the summer after his graduation from MACU in 1962, when he enrolled in Milligan College and preached for Gap Creek Church of Christ in Elizabethton, TN.

In 1963 Bill and Trish Griffin returned to MACU, where he taught full-time and held various positions, culminating in his presidency (1986-2006), and she directed the library (1963-2004). During this time, President Griffin earned additional degrees from East Carolina (MA, American History), Cincinnati Christian University (MA, Church History), and The College of William and Mary (Ed.S., Higher Education and Administration).

During his years at MACU, he also held ministries with Lowland Church of Christ, Wenona Church of Christ, and Fairfield Christian Church, all in Eastern North Carolina.



HELP 2010: Preaching for Growing Churches

A HELP (Help and Encouragement for Leading and Preaching) seminar featuring Bob Russell will be held January 4 and 5, 2010, at Mid-Atlantic.

The seminar meets Jan. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 5, 8 a.m. to noon. It will be an overview of the unique demands and challenges of preaching in a church intent on growing numerically and spiritually. With an emphasis on the application of biblical principles, this seminar will focus on how to establish a mind-set of growth in the life of the congregation.

The cost of the seminar is only \$10.00 for ministers. The seminar may also be taken as an audit course at MACU for \$100.00 or for credit for \$310.00. Dr. Gene Andrews will lead a pre-seminar session (8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Jan. 4) and a post-seminar session (1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday), both of which are required of audit and credit students. Seats are limited, and priority will be given to credit students.

Brother Russell will be leading six hours of this seminar. Other sessions will include tips from peers in ministry as well as break out sessions for sharing ideas among participants and mentoring opportunities between participants in located ministry and current MACU students.

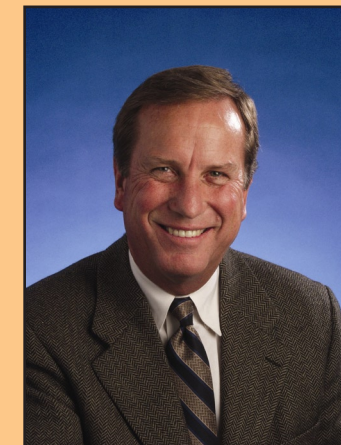
To register for HELP 2010, contact Julie Fields, Admissions Administrator, julie.fields@macuniversity.edu, 252-334-2028 (local), or 1-866-996-MACU.

Limited housing is available for males at MACU at \$10 a night.

Equipping Ministers' Wives, Too

A supportive, godly wife can increase the effectiveness of a preacher's ministry. To help MACU ministers-in-training and their wives, or wives to be, Sandra Perkins, wife of President Perkins, is hosting a monthly meeting this semester. This group of ministers' wives and those engaged to marry a minister will receive encouragement on how to deal with the challenges and rewards of being a minister's wife. Mrs. Perkins, married to a minister and Christian leader for 30 years, has worked with her husband in churches ranging in size from 20 to 1,800.

A graduate of Atlanta Christian College, she has worked in the business world running multiple companies, has taught piano lessons, accompanied choirs and church bands, and been a supportive wife to her minister husband. *The Christian Standard* published her article in 1985: "True Confessions of a Preacher's Wife." Currently Sandra teaches private piano to MACU students and arranges the President's travel and speaking engagements. She continues to run her real estate company, Perkins Properties, and a showroom cleaning business at the Furniture Market in High Point, NC. She also speaks for women's conferences and is a gracious hostess for many campus visitors.



Bob Russell
Retired Senior Minister
Southeast Christian Church

God has blessed Bob Russell with a life much different from the one he had imagined. As a young man growing up in northern Pennsylvania, Bob had intended to become a high school basketball coach in his hometown. During his senior year of high school, however, Bob realized a desire in his heart to enter the ministry. Soon thereafter, he enrolled in Cincinnati Bible Seminary, where he graduated in 1965.

At just 22 years of age, Bob became the pastor of Southeast Christian Church. Today that small congregation of 120 has become one of the largest churches in America, with 18,000 people attending the four worship services every weekend at the time of Bob's retirement in 2006.

Bob and his wife Judy have been married for 43 years. They have two married sons who live in Louisville and are active at Southeast, and seven grandchildren with whom they enjoy spending their time. An accomplished author, Bob has written over one dozen books. He also has a weekly column in *The Lookout*, a magazine printed by Standard Publishing.

Students to Attend Leadership Conference

The Southeast Christian Church Leadership Conference, "A Changing Church," will be held on October 23 and 24 in Louisville, KY. Southeast Christian is a congregation that has grown from a small core group in 1964 to a congregation of about 18,000. The focus of the conference is change in our congregations, with specific focus on student ministries, first impressions, pastoral care, preaching, worship, and other selected topics. Dr. Ken Greene, program advisor for the Youth and Family Ministry major, will be taking up to 24 ministry-minded students to the conference.

Messenger readers interested in the conference should visit the conference site for specific details and podcasts of intensive sessions <http://www.southeastleadership.com/>.



Where in the world is MACU?

MACU's Global Ministry

MACU alumni—more than 3,000 in number—currently live in 45 states and 13 foreign countries. However, their influence through the years cannot be quantified.

- Who knows how many have been led to a saving relationship with Jesus?
- How many have been challenged to enter the preaching ministry or other areas of Christian service?
- How many leaders or teachers in how many congregations have been taught by those educated at MACU?
- How many have led teams of youth on service or mission trips inside and outside the U.S.?
- How many are second or third generation Christians who have helped to grow the church in their own cultures?

Rejoice with us that so many with MACU roots are serving far and wide.

MACU Graduates Serving Around the World

France:	Karen Richardson
Ghana:	Jeff and Sherrie Hostetter
Honduras:	Brian and Sara Bilodeau
India:	Ajai and Indu Lall
Indonesia:	Linda Joyner
Italy:	John and Ann Blackburn
Jamaica:	O'neil Chambers
Japan:	Jason Craft, Delaina Bailey Miyazaki, Zach Poyner
Myanmar:	Jon and Rachel Craft
N. Africa:	Angie Richmond
Russia:	Bryan and Meg Smith
Thailand:	Ezekiel and Ah-cha Fish, Dewayne & Jackie Liebrandt
Ukraine:	John and Ira Murphy



Junior Rachel Foxx served a summer internship in Mexico, one of many MACU students found around the world during "vacation."

Visit to Zimbabwe, July 6-24, 2009

By Dr. Robert Reese, Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry

What a way to begin a first trip outside the United States! Three MACU students (Brian and Annie Barr and Aaron Everett), some of whom were leaving the States for the first time, found themselves with me on a 15-hour non-stop flight from New York to Johannesburg, South Africa. That was just the beginning of many adventures that took us to Zimbabwe and Botswana. In Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, we joined up with a team from Creekside Christian Fellowship in Irvine, CA, making a group of thirteen Americans.

Our daily schedule was packed with events both for learning and sharing. We shared with orphans in home-based care, where relatives take in children orphaned by the current HIV/AIDS crisis and receive assistance with medications, food, and school expenses. Aaron and Brian got to preach at a Sunday church service.

We took part in a meeting of 85 rural church leaders who gathered for an annual Bible school, and after two weeks in Bulawayo, we headed to a rural area . . .

Find more details of this exciting trip at www.macuniversity.edu.



MACU students Brian and Annie Barr minister to orphan children in Zimbabwe.

Glorious Day

A Modern Worship Choir Collection

Arrangement by Travis Cottrell
Directed by Amanda Avery, Instructor of Music and Worship

November 19, 20*, 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of song and worship in the Davenport Chapel in the Blanton Center.

*Prior to Friday evening's performance, the MACU Student Life Committee is hosting a banquet at 5:00 p.m., \$8.00 per person, \$6.00 for children under 12. Churches or individuals

Closer to home, faculty and staff may be found serving congregations in many ways.

- Teach four series of classes in area churches on Wednesdays or Sundays
- Preach a revival
- Play keyboard on worship team
- Serve as Bible Bowl Sponsor
- Operate PowerPoint
- Substitute Sunday School teacher
- Teach adult Bible study
- Nursery attendant
- Teacher
- Children's Church assistant
- Teen center sponsor
- Sing on the worship team
- Serve in the children's ministry
- Elder
- Supply preacher
- Guest speaker on topics of Bible, Church History, Archaeology, and Islam
- Teach a Wednesday night lesson series
- Co-Chair Benevolence Ministry
- Chair of Men's Ministry
- Cleaning Team member
- Teach a class at a Bible institute
- Serve on the board of the Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship
- Serve on the Board of Directors for Diamond Willow Ministries and also the Continuation Committee for the National Missionary Convention
- Small group Bible study leader
- Full-time ministry in addition to full-time teaching at MACU
- Music ministry
- Teach a teen girls' Sunday school class
- Play organ and piano
- Preach for a small church twice a month

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Impact
Transform
Lead

New Ministries

Dr. Johnny Pressley '75 has been named Dean of the Seminary at Cincinnati Christian University.

In addition to his ministry with the Church of Christ at Hagerstown, MD, **Gerrard Fess '95** is now an associate hospital chaplain, having recently completed his Clinical Pastoral Visitation Training.

Larry Evans '02 is now preaching for Altavista Church of Christ, Altavista, VA.

Mike Dawson '07 has begun serving West Side Church of Christ in Lebanon, OH, as associate minister.

Junior Taylor Everette is youth minister for Gold Point Church of Christ, Robersonville, NC.

Junior Carrie Schwartz is serving Wilkinson Church of Christ, Pantego, NC, as children's director.

Sophomore Ethan Coltrain serves Pleasant Grove Church of Christ, Fairfield, NC, as youth minister.

Freshman Lee Bolinsky now serves his home congregation, Church of the Redeemer, Camden, NC, as youth minister.

Other News & Notes

Bill Griffin '62 recently accepted appointment to the board of the Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship.

Professor Wendy Guthrie received her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from Regent University.

Sam Loveall '89 graduated from Hope International University with a Master of Arts in Ministry (Worship Concentration).

Tom Kilian '94 was featured in an article "Banking on Art" in the July 2009 issue of *Our State: Down Home in North Carolina*. The four-page article details www.IBXarts.org and its mission to promote independent artists of North Carolina's Inner Banks.

62nd Annual Gospel Rally & Homecoming

March 18 and 19, 2010

Classes of 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, & 2000 to be honored!

Arron Chambers, *Evening Speaker*
Leon D'Orleans, *Missions Speaker*
Tony Krantz '83, *Music Leader*

Rally details online at:
www.macuniversity.edu

Alumni gather last March at Towne South Church of Christ for the annual lunch and business meeting on Friday of Gospel Rally.



Weddings

Roy Bill Carter '71 and Merlene Gray Thompson, June 1

Alan Presley '02 and Anne Schmidlin, June 20

Jonathan Thayer '08 and **Aimee Curry '06**, June 27

Keenan Goosman ex'11 and **Rebecca Nelson ex'11**, July 13

Tommy Leopard '09 and **Jessica Respass ex'11**, July 25

Junior Roger Burns and Erin Bowen, Aug. 8

Lionel Calvin Phillips and **Janiya Winns '08**, Aug. 29

New Family Members

Dennis and **Julie Schaffner '04 Mitchell**: Kaitlyn Eliana, Mar. 15

Noah ex'05 and **Katie Jones '04 Peer**: Makennah Jean, May 6

Aaron '03 and **Beth Herbst '05 Cross**: Isaac Nathaniel, June 11

Scott '08 and **Stephanie Edwards '03 Askew**: Aaron Michael, June 12

Sophomore Chris Williams and wife Rebecca: Kaylyn Piper, June 27

Tony Wolf '93 and wife Laura: Jude Aaron, July 10

Stuart '06 and **Abby Williams '04 Paul**: Jonas Zeppelin, July 10

Military Science, ROTC Offered

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is pleased to announce a relationship with the Elizabeth City State University Viking Battalion ROTC Program. This relationship will allow students the opportunity to participate in The U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program and earn a minor in military science, in conjunction with other degree options at MACU. ROTC offers college students the opportunity to earn a commission as officers in the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard, or the U.S. Army Reserve while pursuing a college degree.

Our agreement with the Battalion means that students register for Army ROTC just like other courses at MACU, pay tuition at MACU, and the MACU transcript will show those courses, but students will attend the appropriate classes at Elizabeth City State University.

The purpose of the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps is to enable college students to pursue a course of study which will prepare them professionally and spiritually, upon graduation, for appointment as officers in the United States Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. Offering this minor enables MACU to impact the world with Godly leaders in our military. We welcome this open door to a new area of servant leadership and invite interested persons to learn more at www.macuniversity.edu.

The Impact of Chaplains on Civil War Soldiers

Late in July 1864, the Union and Confederate armies were locked in an epic struggle for control of Atlanta, Georgia. At the close of a day, Chaplain James H. McNeilly of the 49th Tennessee arrived at the front to conduct a religious service. He later recorded how he took his place near the trenches so that the men who remained on duty could hear and the rest could return to their posts quickly if necessary. He recalled having the support of many devout Christian officers and men in his efforts to minister to the troops. That evening one huge fellow with a booming voice began to sing a "gathering song." As a crowd numbering over 500 was assembling, a stray bullet struck one of the men in the head killing him instantly and then lodging in the chest of the man next to him. Confusion reigned for a while until the dead man's body was removed and the wounded man taken to the rear. When quiet was restored, McNeilly preached his sermon with a vivid illustration fresh on the minds of everyone about the nearness of death. When he extended an invitation to accept Christ as Savior, over 200 men rose to their feet.

For most Union and Confederate soldiers, the greatest sustainer of morale in the Civil War was their Christian faith. It was a refuge in a time of the most intense need most had ever experienced. Only a minority of the men in blue and gray were members of any formal denomination. Yet many faithfully read their Bibles and prayed.

Responsibility for the spiritual well-being of the soldiers was the primary responsibility of the chaplains. Neither side ever had enough chaplains to meet all the needs. Response to this mission was slow at first and volunteers faced numerous obstacles. But eventually the group grew to the largest assembly of "fighting chaplains" since the American Revolution.

... To read more of Professor Woolard's article about chaplains during the Civil War, visit www.macuniversity.edu.



Welcome New Trustee Cooper

The MACU trustees recently elected a new member, Larry D. Cooper, D.V.M. Dr. Cooper is a native of Plymouth, NC, and grew up in the Union Grove Church of Christ. He earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1976 and owns and operates Pasquotank Animal Hospital in Elizabeth City. He is a member and leader in the Elizabeth City Church of Christ and is currently active in a ministry that provides housing for the needy. He said, "We believe in helping the needy for time and for eternity." He and the former Patsy Sawyer '70 have four children and three grandchildren.



Dykes Joins Student Life Staff

Angela E. Dykes '83, a Licensed Professional Counselor, joined the Student Life staff Aug. 10. She is assisting Counselor Don McKinney to meet student counseling needs, focusing on group counseling and various women's issues. She comes to MACU from Spring Arbor University and her private practice in Michigan.



Ronnie Woolard, Professor of Old Testament and a Civil War Reenactor, has been asked by local museum personnel to present this material in a workshop during the annual Civil War weekend in February.

Below: Professor Woolard (forefront of second line of soldiers) helps to lead a charge at the Fort Branch Reenactment near Hamilton, NC, sponsored annually on the first weekend in November.

2009 MACU Events

Oct. 23	Trustees Meeting
Oct. 24	ARC Meeting
Oct. 26	Estate Planning Seminar
Nov. 8	Sunday Night Live
Nov. 19, 20, 22	Glorious Day
Nov. 20, 21	College preview weekend
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7-11	Exams
Jan. 4-8	Early spring intensives
Jan. 4, 5	HELP Seminar
Jan. 9, 10	New student orientation
Jan. 11	Classes begin
Jan. 15, 16	Timothy Retreat
Jan. 17	Sunday Night Live, 5-7 pm
Mar. 1-5	Spring break
Mar. 14	Sunday Night Live, 5-7 pm
Mar. 18, 19	Gospel Rally-Homecoming

Estate Planning Seminar

Please call one of the following churches for more information if you would like to attend a free Estate Planning Seminar.

- Oct. 20 - Grover Church of Christ,**
Grover, PA, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 25 - Oasis Christian Church,**
Concord, NH, 1:00 pm
- Oct. 26 - MACU,** 3:30 pm
- Oct. 28 - Philippi Church of Christ,**
Creswell, NC, 7:00 pm
- Nov. 8 - Cornerstone Christian Church,**
Chambersburg, PA, 1:00 pm

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Hear chapel podcasts on the MACU website: [Student Life/Spiritual Life/ Podcast](#). Please share with your friends.

Kids Against Hunger®

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

MACU Kids Against Hunger Food Bagging Project MLK Day of Service – January 18, 2010

MACU is challenging students, faculty, and staff to raise \$5,000 on campus from 100 volunteers and seeking to recruit another 100 volunteers and \$5,000 to package 45,000 meals to be sent to Haiti. On Jan. 18, 2010, the volunteers will meet in the Chesson Gymnasium to bag the meals. Groups of 50 will work in three-hour shifts.

Approximately 70% of Haiti's population is undernourished to some degree with infants and children suffering the most. Kids Against Hunger food is specially formulated, fast-cooking rice-based combination of vitamins, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and other nutrients that provide in one serving 75% of a child's daily requirements for a healthy diet.



Each volunteer can package 500 meals in 3 hours at a cost of 10 cents per meal. The three hours include a brief training and debriefing session. Volunteers raise \$50 each to cover the cost of food, nutritional supplements, and shipping to Haiti. For 50 cents a day (cost of a soda) for 100 days, you can provide 500 nutritious meals for hungry people in Haiti. Or ask friends to sponsor your volunteer effort by donating \$5 or \$10, while you provide the labor.

How you can get involved – Schools and some businesses are closed January 18, 2010, for the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Use this opportunity as a church or family. Students and adults not working are invited to come to MACU to participate in a rewarding service project. Anyone who is able to stand and focus on an assembly line-like process for about two hours is welcomed to volunteer.

Youth groups or churches can register through the Admissions Office with Julie Fields at 252.334.2028 or julie.fields@macuniversity.edu. All contributions are tax deductible. All funds are due by December 12. Checks should be payable to MACU, earmarked "Kids Against Hunger."

Senior Saints June 1, 2010

Great Preaching
Good Fellowship
Fine Food

Plan now to bring a group of 'mature' saints for a great day.

For more information contact
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757-872-7357

Cruise For MACU Alumni and Friends October 9-16, 2010

Join us for fun and fellowship! Invite your friends and family. We set sail from beautiful Miami, FL, and explore the eastern Caribbean.

\$50.00 per person deposit due at time of reservation; \$200 per person due before April 15, 2010; final payment due before July 15, 2010.

Visit www.macuniversity.edu or call Sherry and Kenny Price at P D Travels, 757.254.3491.

To the General Fund

- Beth BonDurant (Honor)**
by Kenneth Bello
- M/M Lory Brafford, Jr. (retirement from ministry)**
by M/M Larry L. Owen
- Joyce Burruss (Memory)**
by Bill Burruss
- Allen Herndon (Memory)**
by Corinne Herndon
- M/M Matthew N. Knight (Honor)**
by M/M Benjamin Gaddy, Jr.
- Thomas Leggett (Memory)**
by M/M C. Bruce Fraser
- Gene Perry (Memory)**
by Margaret Perry
- Bobby Gene Rawls and Melvin Rawls (Memory)**
by Pattie Price
- Dr. Melvin Styons (Honor)**
by William Simpson
- Danny and Harvey Whitehurst (Memory)**
by Edith Whitehurst
- K.D. Williams Family (Honor)**
by Anonymous
- Polly Winslow (Memory)**
by Pattie Townsend

To the RBC Foundation

- Fran Feagles (Memory); Samanthia Alexson, Nicole Anderson, M/M Marty Anderson, Ashley Boone, Kimmi Cooper, Ken Greene, Gary and Lou Godfrey, Sarah Hamilton, Carlton Himelwright, Lyle Hinsdale, Shari Jones, Kurt Juergens, M/M Guy Layfield, Ian McCarty, Ismael Melendez, Robert Reese, M/M Greg Saldi, David Sayers, M/M Jim Solei, Danny Tanner, Cathy Williford, M/M Jason Woolard (Honor)**
by M/M Rich Lindsley
- Alice Andrews, Charlea Cormode, Frank Dodson, Julie Fields, Ken Greene, Corey Jones, Phillip Jones, Kevin Larsen, M/M Rich Lindsley, Bill Mayo, Robert Reese, David Sayers, Keith Wood and Family, Jason Woolard**
by D/M Clay Perkins
- M/M Odis Bennett and John West (Memory)**
by M/M Robert Higginbotham
- Albert Blanton (Memory)**
by Time Investment Corporation
- Sarah P. BonDurant (Memory)**
by George W. BonDurant, Shirley Jenkins

- Beth BonDurant (Honor)**
by George BonDurant, M/M Daniel Everett, M/M Jonathan C. Langley, M/M William Reed, M/M Terry Schultz
- George W. BonDurant (Honor)**
by Virginia Lipscombe, D/M Clay Perkins, Fred Pressley
- Andrea Eason (Honor) and Mack Eason (Memory)**
by M/M Garrett Lewis
- Lucy Duke and Lola Keffer (Memory)**
by M/M Linden Keffer
- M/M Willard Fritz and M/M Herbert Flint (Memory)**
by M/M Denis Fritz, Martin Fritz, M/M Kenneth Hecht
- Jake Griffin (Memory)**
by Shirley Jenkins
- C.J. Hendricks (Memory)**
by Beth BonDurant, M/M Lowell Thornton
- Frances Mills (Memory)**
by Jerelene M. Richards
- Emmett Murphy (Honor)**
by M/M Stephen Hudgins, M/M L.R. Wiggins
- Marshall and Viola Murphy (Memory)**
by M/M Emmett Murphy, M/M Floyd Lane, M/M Stanley Wells
- Dennis Myers (Memory)**
by Geneva Park Church of Christ
- Henry Clay Owney (Memory)**
by Barbara Owney
- Neal Puckett (Honor)**
by M/M Malcolm Puckett
- Donna Scott (Memory)**
by Christian Chapel Church of Christ
- J.T. and Addie Maye Segroves (Memory)**
by M/M Sherill Fritts
- Bob Smith (Honor)**
by West Park Church of Christ
- Leroy Woolard (Memory)**
by M/M Thomas Gray, M/M Bill York
- Lester Woolard (Memory)**
by Rita Manning, Carl Woolard

Matching Gifts

- Abbott Laboratories Fund**
for Jean Bennett
- Bank of America**
for Onnie Boyd
- Eaton Corporation**
for Charlene Veazey
- Norfolk Southern Corporation**
for Donna Fisher
- PCS, Administration**
for Gary Hamilton
- State Farm Companies Foundation**
for Dana Alexson

Read All About It!

Tribute Gifts to the Watson-Griffith Library

Sending a gift to the college library in honor or in memory of a loved one serves two very important purposes:

1. Others will see the loved one's name on the tribute plaque inside the book, bringing honor to that person for many years to come.

2. You will be helping the library purchase new books in a time of tight budgets.

Won't you send a tribute today? Send the information and check to: Watson-Griffith Library at the college address. Include the name of the person being honored, name and address of any family members to be notified, and your name and address.

For more information, contact Library Director Frank Dodson at 252.334.2046 or frank.dodson@macuniversity.edu.

MACU has \$10 Million+ Economic Footprint

Those who have been a part of Mid-Atlantic Christian University's rich history have seen the spiritual impact that she has had since her beginning in 1948. What many people may not recognize is that MACU also has a tremendous economic impact in our region. Recently the MACU Foundation commissioned an Economic Impact Study through the consulting firm Sims & Steele of Asheville, NC. The results were astounding. Because MACU exists, this region benefits from approximately \$9.5 million in annual spending, over 110 jobs being sustained, and more than \$880,000 in tax generation for local, state, and federal governments.

While the spiritual benefit of MACU is incalculable, it is inspiring to understand the tangible economic benefits that this institution generates annually for the community. For a copy of the Economic Impact Study or for further discussion on the topic, please contact David Sayers, Vice President for Finance, at 252.334.2007.

Thanks also to Donald Gibbs, an employee of BP America Inc., who recommended MACU as an organization that makes a positive contribution. A gift from BP Fabric of America Fund came with the recognition. Does your company have a similar program?

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MACU Ambassadors

Nearly 40 students volunteered to be ambassadors for Mid-Atlantic. The MACU Ambassador program involves students in recruitment and admissions, giving them experience in many areas: speaking, music, marketing, sound, lights, graphics, behind the scenes, and out in front. Admissions Counselor Jason Woolard is training groups of Ambassadors in particular areas, such as conducting campus tours, representing MACU at college fairs, and visiting churches. Students are the best recruiters for any university, and our students promise to be among the best.



College Preview Weekend November 20, 21

This weekend is for 2010 spring and fall applicants and their parents to become better acquainted with MACU. Guests may arrive Thursday evening and visit Friday morning classes. Placement testing is Friday afternoon, followed by the production of "Glorious Day". Complete information is being mailed to applicants. Contact the Admissions Office at 252.334.2028 for more information.

Sunday Night Live

Free event for youth groups, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Upcoming dates: November 8, January 17, March 14

Go MAD! It's Mid-Atlantic Day

During MACU's years as Roanoke Bible College, a number of supporting churches participated in what was known as Roanoke Day. They chose a Sunday, usually in the fall, to highlight the work of RBC to their congregations. Sometimes a guest speaker and/or a singing group from the college would participate. They would also take up a special offering that day to supplement their regular giving.

Over the years those offerings have helped to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the training of kingdom workers. In recent years the program has waned, with only a handful of churches participating. We want to change that this year!

That is why we want you to Go MAD with us! Would you consider challenging your church to have a Mid-Atlantic Day sometime this fall or winter? We are looking for at least 100 churches to participate. Could your church be one of those churches? MACU has been facing some difficult financial times. By hosting a Mid-Atlantic Day, your congregation could have a significant impact on how we finish the year financially. We have promotional materials available to show how your partnership with MACU is impacting the world. We will gladly provide these, as well as a speaker and/or special music if possible. So won't you join us and Go MAD!

To participate, contact Jenny Rowland in the development office: 252.334.2008 or jenny.rowland@macuniversity.edu.

Calloused Hands and Feet

Eastern Christian Convention, November 13-15

The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA
www.easterncc.com

Adult convention speakers: David Robinson, David Clark,
D. Clay Perkins

MACU is in charge of the teen convention!

WILL YOU?

Remembering MACU in your will or trust is EASY. Let us show you how!
Simply contact Emmett Murphy of MACU at 757.872.7357 or emmett.murphy@macuniversity.edu