



VISION

What do these MACU students envision doing for God?

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“Good vision includes the ability to see what another person can become.”
(Handwritten note in the Bible of Roy Watson – a long-term supporter of MACU)

IF YOU COULD SEE MY HEART, you would know the passion I have for Mid-Atlantic. MACU educates ministers – many will serve in churches and many will serve in the marketplace, but all are ministers. This is part of our ethos handed down from generation to generation – from Legacy ECC and Legacy RBC, and now at MACU.

It is easy for me to serve those who serve since I love ministry, especially preaching. Recently, while attending an out-of-town ballgame with our men’s basketball team, one of our online students, Mike Moulden, walked in. On that day Mike helped cheer the Mustangs on to victory. I smiled when he shared his desire to preach. It is good that Mike has the option to do his education online. Recently two of our preaching students preached in chapel – Eric Allen and Matt Proffitt. It was a joy to hear young men with passion for God preaching. MACU’s vision is seeing what our students can become. These men will become preachers. It is very good that Mid-Atlantic has over 19 different degrees, but preaching will always be at our core.


It is easy for me to serve those who serve since MACU has a huge impact in the Kingdom. Mid-Atlantic has alumni in 46 states, one territory, and 22 different countries. MACU has over 65 years of offering a college education with a Biblical foundation, an education from a Christian world view. It is no wonder that many say “Christian education, a world changer.” It is no wonder that many say the best return for your giving is giving to a faithful Bible College.

It is easy for me to serve those who serve since MACU is serious about ministry. Educating men and women for ministry in the marketplace has always been

a core mission. Recently I had lunch after church services with students Miami Burkey and Catrina Webster; both are studying Elementary Education. Listening to them talk about teaching, I saw their passion and know they will be very good school teachers. When I see student Jared Hedges, who is studying military science, on campus in uniform, I smile because I can see him as a fine military officer.

In this edition of the Messenger you will read about two fine Christian ladies: Doris Eakes and Hilda Watson. Both had vision, the ability to see what another person can become. Our role in Christian higher education is to impact the world by transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Christian leaders. I am thankful for the roles that Hilda Watson and Doris Eakes had in the Kingdom. And I am thankful for you, who faithfully partner with MACU in large and small ways to share the love of Jesus with so many.

Mid-Atlantic is moving forward into the future with a clear strategic plan: Vision 2020. Join us with your prayers. Join us with your giving. We are empowered by your prayers. We are enabled by your giving.

Sandra and I look forward to seeing you at the MACU Rally in March. 



Serving those who serve,

Clay

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D. • President

◀ Cover photo, top to bottom: **Michael Anderson** – serving children overseas. **Haley Downs** – working with youth. **Kevin McNeil** – a lifetime of serving others. **Elizabeth Sanchez** – worship!

Remembering the Legacy of Doris Wallace Eakes

SINCE 2000, MORE THAN 66 Mid-Atlantic students have personally benefited from the benevolence of Doris Wallace Eakes. Mrs. Eakes died December 27, leaving a rich heritage of generosity across eastern North Carolina.

In August of 2000, the college held a celebration marking a charitable gift from Mrs. Eakes. She had named the school as one of the major recipients in a trust that primarily endowed student scholarships in memory of her father, Carmer H. Wallace, and husband, Joe D. Eakes. This trust provided direct scholarship dollars of \$330,000 over 12 years and another \$112,850 for institutional advancement.

Every fall since 2000 until her health prevented, Mrs. Eakes attended a campus reception to personally recognize the students receiving the scholarships, encouraging them with words and gifts. Her love for them, for the university, and for the kingdom at large bubbled over. She always challenged them to “pay it forward.” Mrs. Eakes was, in fact, paying it forward, herself. Inspired by the book *Pay It Forward* by Catherine Ryan Hyde, she determined to bless others and to challenge them to pass on the blessing.

The daughter of Carmer and Nocy Wallace of



Doris Eakes, above and at left with President and Mrs. Perkins.

Beaufort County, NC, Doris grew up in the Rosemary Church of Christ. There her father served as an elder and a visionary leader. While she was a high school student, the university’s founding president, George BonDurant, preached for Rosemary part-time as he led the school and established other congregations. He was a frequent guest in their home. She saw in her parents and minister the blessings of hard work,

leadership, and devotion to the Kingdom.

When she and Joe Eakes married in 1956, they entered successful business ventures, including owning 22 nursing homes, which provided resources they generously shared. Following her husband’s death in 1992, Doris continued their pattern of giving.

Mrs. Eakes’ benevolence reached far beyond the campus of Mid-Atlantic. She has blessed other

Honoring a Saint and Longtime Friend of Mid-Atlantic

HILDA SADLER WATSON loved Mid-Atlantic Christian University. But even more, she loved the Lord, her church, her husband, and her friends and family.

Her obituary in March 2011 told only part of her story: married to Roy Watson 69 years; faithful member of Lowland Church of Christ; graduate of Hobucken High; active in community activities, projects, and clubs; showed interest in others and their welfare; partnered with Roy in their R.E. Mayo Seafood Co. and was his helpmate during his 27 years of blindness; devoted to every member of Roy’s family; and so much more.

Founding President George BonDurant first introduced the Watsons to Mid-Atlantic. Years later then-Professor Bill Griffin and his wife, Trish, spent seven years in part-time ministry with Lowland Church of Christ, where Roy and Hilda worshiped. They often enjoyed the Watson’s hospitality.

During those years, the college was working to improve the library under the leadership of Trish Griffin. Mrs. Watson developed a love for the library then that lasted for decades. Ever the entrepreneur, she donated her “flower commission” to buy new books for the library. She earned the commission by acting as an agent assisting county folks who wished to purchase flowers from a florist in New Bern. Her love for and patronage of the library led to a significant gift from the Watsons in the late 1990’s. As a result, the new library in the Blanton Center was named the Watson-Griffith Library.

Bob Moulden ’73, one of many young preachers-in-training blessed by the Watsons, reminisced about his weekend ministry at Lowland during his sophomore year at MACU:

“I’ve never known a more devoted couple [than Roy and Hilda Watson] in my life. Devoted to one another, and devoted to the Lord and His church.

colleges and a variety of mission works, including Central India Christian Mission. Her love for mission work led the university to honor her on the occasion of her initial gift in 2000 by naming the missions department the Wallace-Eakes Center for Missions and Cross-Cultural Studies.

Since 2005 she has done much charity work through Trinity Children Foundation (TCF), which she founded to enhance the lives of children around the world. She loved children and through her foundation addressed the need for food, clothing, shelter, and health care, as well as the emotional stability of

They began putting their fingerprints on my spiritual life that [first] weekend and continued for years. Their priorities and principles helped shape much of who I am today. Their wisdom has proven reliable, even through the changing times.”

He recalled that Hilda was knowledgeable and intelligent, yet humble and simple, a super good cook with the gift of hospitality. “In her home you were treated like royalty, but you felt like family.”

“Few people, if any, have ever held stronger ties to Mid-Atlantic Christian University. She supported the school and spoiled many of her students. . . . It would be hard to properly assess her impact on the lives of the many young preachers, and their wives, who passed through the pulpit at Lowland. Her good example. Her unwavering devotion. Her hard work. Her undying resolve.”

Brother Roy Watson recently honored the memory of his beloved Hilda with a gift of \$1,000,000, the largest gift in the university’s history. With gratitude the university accepts this gift in Hilda’s honor and to the glory of God. We are grateful for Sandra Foreman Rice ex’66, Roy’s long-term bookkeeper, who has helped Brother Watson carry out his wishes.

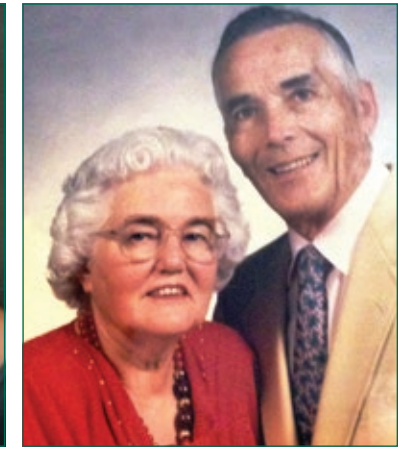
The university has used the gift to strengthen the faculty and staff, for debt management, to support the library through the Mid-Atlantic Foundation, and to strengthen the school’s financial position during these difficult years.

Roy Watson told President Perkins that he “grew up when the college started.” Supporting the college has always been a part of his and Hilda’s life. Roy

orphaned, underprivileged, and at-risk children.

“Doris Eakes was more than a donor to our students. She was a friend,” President Perkins said. “She was, in many ways, larger than life, but very down to earth. One of the highlights of the last several years was her annual trip to campus to personally meet each of her scholarship recipients. Whether hosting Doris in our home, visiting her in Wilmington, or meeting with her in various hospitals, I will miss Doris Eakes.”

In 2010 Mrs. Eakes knew it was time to establish a fund in the Mid-Atlantic Foundation so that her habit




Hilda Sadler Watson (above, left) with husband Roy (above, right) and Roy Watson with Sandra Foreman Rice and Dr. Perkins (below).




added, “When the college is strong, so are the rural churches in eastern North Carolina.” He is pleased to support the college in memory of his wife. “It is the right thing to do. Hilda would want me to do this.”

As one would imagine, Brother Watson’s Bible is heavily marked and full of quotes from sermons. It guided Roy and Hilda for years. President Perkins noticed a particular entry: “Good vision includes the ability to see what another person can become.”

Thank you, Roy and Hilda. You have seen in our students the great things they can become and do for the cause of Christ. 

If you would like to send a gift to the Mid-Atlantic Foundation fund in memory of Hilda Watson, please contact Sandra Perkins, Foundation Director, at 252-334-2003, or by email at sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu.

of giving student scholarships could live in perpetuity. She created the Joe D. and Doris W. Eakes Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for MACU students. If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of Mrs. Eakes, please contact Foundation Director Sandra Perkins at 252-334-2003 or by email at sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu.

While grieving her passing, many who knew and loved Mrs. Eakes will remember with great joy and gratitude the good she did. May all of us determine to “pay forward” the blessings we receive as unselfishly as she did. 



Fears of the End Lee M. Fields, Ph.D.

IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF 2012, the Mayan calendar and its apparent prediction of the end of

the world made headlines. Though most people did not believe the Mayan message to be valid, many others did believe or were at least concerned and apprehensive that the end might actually happen on December 21. Believers can take comfort from biblical teachings about the end. Here are just five of them.

First, no one knows exactly when the end will come. In Matthew 24:36, before his ascension into heaven, Jesus said only the Father knew. Jesus taught several times that the time of the end will occur at an unexpected time (e.g., Mark 13:35). The bottom line is that no one will be able to predict when it will happen.


Second, whenever it happens, the end will not be a secret. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16 we read that there will be the cry of command, the voice of the archangel, and the sound of the trumpet of God. However one anticipates the details of these three events, one thing is clear: the end will not be a hidden event that people might miss. The correlation that Jesus taught in Matthew 24:23 is that no one should be gullible and fooled by people who say, "Look, here it is," or "No, over there!" Don't let anyone fool you; when it happens, all will know. The One who died and was bodily raised from the grave never to die again told us what really will happen.

Third, the purpose of the end is reward and punishment. For those who have put their faith in Christ – a choice to accept God's gracious offer of salvation through Jesus as Lord and Savior – there is the reward of being with God forever (John 14:3). For those who have not put their faith in Christ – a

choice to reject God's offer – there is the punishment of being apart from God forever (Jude 14-15).

Fourth, for believers in Jesus, the end is a time of confidence, not fear, because they have faith in the promise of God to deliver (1 John 2:28). God's people have no need to fear the end; God wins! And his people win with him.

Finally, in the meantime, we ought to live holy and godly lives, because we know how everything turns out (2 Peter 3:11-13). We do not choose to live this way in order to curry God's favor; we already have that favor because of what Jesus did. We live lives of ever-increasing godliness out of gratitude and love for the God who sent His Son for us. This is what saved people of faith do.

Exactly what is the end of time? We have been told: it is the return of Christ. Christians welcome that day. They long for it and say "Maranatha!" – "Come, O Lord!" 

MACU AUTHORS



Dr. Robert Smith

Dr. Bob Smith's review of Aloys Winterling's *Caligula: A Biography* (Berkeley: Univ. of California, 2011) appeared in *Near Eastern Archaeological Studies Bulletin*, 57 (2012): 67-68.

MACU at the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) Indianapolis, IN • November 15-18, 2012 – Radical Again!

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

MACU STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO NOVEMBER because it is the traditional time for the annual International Conference on Missions (ICOM). Students organize the four-day trip themselves. They reserve a place to stay, usually in a church building that offers free accommodation; collect money for gasoline and food; and find suitable vehicles for the journey. This year involved a thirteen-hour drive to Indianapolis, but despite the distance, about thirty students went to ICOM. In addition, numerous faculty and staff went to man the MACU booth. Recent graduates who are planning to go into missions also attended.

ICOM is inspirational, and students love the networking aspect with over 600 booths to visit and many workshops. Upcoming convention dates and locations are listed below. The university is especially anticipating the 2015 conference, which will be fewer than three hours from the school.

2013: Kansas City, Nov. 14-17

2014: Columbus, OH, Nov. 13-16

2015: Richmond, VA, Oct. 29-Nov. 1 



Colclasure Joins Leadership Team; Edwards in 12th year in Library Pro bono employees making a difference

TWO PRO BONO EMPLOYEES are making significant contributions to the university. Wyatt H. Colclasure II has joined the Leadership Team as Executive Assistant for Strategic Actions (EASA). In this part-time staff position, his primary role will be identifying actions that should be taken to further the mission of the university in implementing Vision 2020. He will be working with various vice presidents to accomplish his duties. Those duties include but are not limited to financial reporting, advancement, development, and institutional research and effectiveness. He will periodically be on campus, but will also work from home.




Colclasure has served as a trustee since 2005, is currently vice chairman of the board, and is vice chairman of the finance committee. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a master's degree in chemistry. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1994, after 30 years of active duty. His specialty branch was the Army Chemical Corps, which deals with nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) warfare and defense. At the time of his retirement he was the Army's Project Manager for NBC Defense Systems. Since then he has worked as an independent consultant and was employed by the global strategy and technology consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton until he retired in 2012. He is active in

civic matters, is an FAA certified flight instructor, and worships with Creswell Christian Church, Bel Air, MD. He was a trustee of ECC, Inc., before joining MACU's board. He and his wife, Virginia, have three children and three grandchildren.



SUSANNE EDWARDS started working for the library in 2000 in technical services. After 2003 she started to volunteer. She has done many different jobs but is currently in charge of periodicals and mission papers. She also helps with circulation and still does some of the technical services.

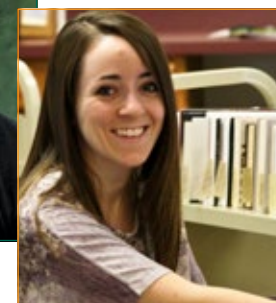
Susanne attended Lenoir-Rhyne College, received her bachelor of science degree in School and Community Health Education from UNC Greensboro, and earned a masters degree in Health Education from East Carolina University. She has also taken classes at MACU.

Assistant Library Director Alice Andrews said, "I could not run this library without her!" She worked 480 hours last year in the library alone. In addition, she volunteers with her church, Towne South Church of Christ. Interim Library Director Trish Griffin added, "She is one of the most compassionate people I have ever known." Susanne performs an invaluable service for MACU, and her donated hours have saved the school many thousands of dollars. 

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION 'PARTNERSHIP' GARNERS ACCOLADES



Dr. Barbara Williams



Senior Kelli Macqueen is student teaching this semester in a local elementary school.

SENIORS IN THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM completed the fall "partnership" semester with accolades from the hosting school and the mentor teachers. This unique opportunity has these students teaching in a public school a half day and attending classes on MACU campus for the remainder of the day. This partnership allows teacher candidates to work side-by-side with mentor teachers and college professors to expand the benefits of the practicum experience.

Spring semester finds the students in student teaching, taking the state-required licensure exams, and preparing for graduation, as well as seeking teaching positions. In May the first students to have earned their elementary education degrees entirely

DEAN'S LIST Fall 2012

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

Joshua S. Bondy*
Sarah A. Carpenito
Christopher B. Cherry
Bryan E. Cooper
Danika J. Morales Cooper
Olivia G. Crehan
Lauren E. Deveau
Amanda L. Kight*
Tiffany J. Kriss
Crystal A. Lamb
Ronald E. Lawrence
Kyle Layfield
Brandon L. Lewis
Abigail R. Minchella
Rebecca F. Nelson
Matthew L. Proffitt
Antonio D. Rook
Ashley E. Rose
Jacob T. Smith
William E. Tanner
Sarah J. White*

65th Annual

MACU Rally & Homecoming 2013

ALBERT BLANTON III CAMPUS LIFE CENTER
MARCH 13, 14, & 15, 2013
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FRIDAY MORNING & EVENING

WED (3/13) MID-ATLANTIC SOCIETY GALA Fred Thompson, Jr. 6:30 p.m.	THURSDAY (3/14) GOLF BENEFIT MACU Invitational at the Carolina Club, Grandy, NC 8:00 a.m.	WORKSHOP "Making Evangelistically Effective Churches" Vince Antonucci 3:00 p.m.	ATHLETICS Alumni Ladies Volleyball Match 6:30 p.m.	ATHLETICS Alumni/Mustangs Basketball Game 8:15 p.m.	FRIDAY (3/15) FELLOWSHIP Coffee Connection 8:30 a.m.	MORNING SESSION ALUMNI MEETING Alumni and Missions 11:45 a.m.	FELLOWSHIP Food, Concerts, & Family Carnival 12:00-4:00 p.m.	WORKSHOP "Preparing the Ordinary for the Extraordinary" Katie Lean Croft 2:00 p.m.	SEMINAR Estate Planning 3:30 p.m.	CLASS REUNIONS Classes of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, & 2003 will be honored! Numerous reunions	EVENING SESSION Vince Antonucci 7:20 p.m.
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FRED THOMPSON, JR.
CAO, Thompson Hospitality
(Herndon, VA)
Wednesday Evening Gala Speaker

VINCE ANTONUCCI
Lead Minister, Verve Church
(Las Vegas, NV)
Thursday Afternoon Workshop, Friday
Evening Speaker

REGGIE HUNDLEY
Executive Director, Mission Services
Association (Knoxville, TN)
Friday Morning Missions Speaker

JERRY TIMBROOK
Minister, Cornerstone
Church of Christ (Chambersburg, PA)
Friday Morning Alumni Speaker

WORSHIP TEAM
Kinetic Christian Church
(Charlotte, NC)
Leading music and worship,
Friday Morning and Evening

Rally Speakers

VINCE ANTONUCCI became a Christian out of a completely non-Christian background which has led him to start two churches for people who don't like church. He was the founding pastor of Forefront Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, a church where 72% of the people who attend were previously unchurched non-Christians. Vince then moved to Las Vegas where he started a new church, Verve, in the heart of Sin City, just off the Vegas Strip. He blogs at www.vinceantonucci.com. He speaks and coaches on having a unique church with vision clarity for Auxano.com. Vince is the author of *I Became a Christian and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt* (2008), *Guerrilla Lovers* (2010), and *Renegade* (2013). He loves spending time with his best friends - his wife Jennifer and kids Dawson and Marissa.



REGGIE HUNDLEY is the Executive Director of Mission Services (MSA), editor of *Horizons* magazine, and now the producer of the internet broadcasting missions network introduced by MSA in July of 2011. He and his wife, Carol, are natives of Eden, North Carolina, and King's Highway Christian Church. Reggie studied at NC State University then transferred to Johnson University, graduating in 1975. Since then Reggie has studied at Liberty University, Lynchburg College, The College for Financial Planning, Andersonville Seminary, the Stephen Olford Center of Union University, and Reformed Theological Seminary. The Hundley family is committed to world evangelism; Reggie and Carol have planted new churches in the United States and Russia and been involved with several ministries around the world. Reggie has traveled, preached, and taught in 25 countries and in congregations and conventions throughout the U.S. The Hundleys have two daughters and one grandson.



JERRY TIMBROOK, a native of West Virginia, attended Eastern Christian College 1963-67 and graduated from Lincoln Christian University in 1969. He did post-graduate work at Lincoln and Cincinnati Bible Seminary. He held ministries in Maryland and Illinois. While at Eastern Christian College, Jerry became aware of the great need to plant churches of Christ and Christian churches in the East. New church work has included Great Mills, MD; Manassas, VA; Warrenton, VA; and in 1990, Cornerstone Church of Christ, Chambersburg, PA., where he continues today. He has traveled extensively promoting new church work and raising needed funds for church planting. Jerry is an experienced song leader and plays some gospel piano and guitar. He currently sings with the Allegiance Quartet. He and his wife, Dixie, have three daughters, all active in the Lord's work; one attended MACU, Paula '94.



Rally Housing

Limited dormitory housing is available on campus. Sink in each room, central bath, guest provides own linens. The charge is \$20 per night per person. No tax. Call Cheryl Lindsley at 252-334-2000, preferably between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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FRED THOMPSON, JR., joined Thompson Hospitality in November 1992. As Chief Administrative Officer, he is responsible for monitoring and maintaining corporate overhead costs and services, including vendor contracts, subcontracts, commissions and procurement contract negotiations. Fred is also responsible for client relations in the contract food service sector of Thompson Hospitality. He has nearly 20 years' experience in purchasing and procurement, having served as small and minority business opportunities coordinator for the city of Newport News, VA. He earned a BA in Classical Studies from Hampden-Sydney College and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Virginia. Thompson Hospitality operates Mid-Atlantic's cafeteria. The company is family run and is the largest minority-owned food service, and one of the largest retail food and facilities management companies in the country.



For more information
contact Bill Griffin at 252.334.2001 or bill.griffin@macuniversity.edu.

Enrollment Team Rolls on Through Semester Break

“CHRISTMAS BREAK”? While many enjoyed the annual break between semesters, Enrollment Director Dan Smith’s “intrepid team” stayed busy, admitting 25 students for January, as well as preparing another contingent of School of Professional Studies students for March. In December, the department rolled out the third generation of the online application process, further automating and simplifying online enrollment.

Senior Corbin Kuhn completed his internship with the Enrollment department last fall and became a full-time Enrollment Counselor, assuming Jonathan Thayer’s position on the team. Dr. Ken Greene, Vice President for Student Services, said “We will miss Jonathan’s creative talent and wry sense of humor around the office . . . [we are] proud of his return to local church ministry, where in reality he will still be working for MACU year in and year out.” Jonathan was an enrollment counselor for about two years and is now student minister for Gethsemane Church of Christ in Mechanicsville, VA.



Corbin Kuhn

Dr. Greene noted, “Corbin brings to our team youth, vitality and a strong ability to communicate to . . . teenagers. . . . Corbin’s love for our school and his passion for college students are key to our continued and future success on many fronts.”

DATES & EVENTS

- Mar. 4-8 Spring Break
- Mar. 13 Mid-Atlantic Society Gala
Fred Thompson, Jr., Speaker
CAO, Thompson Hospitality
- Mar. 14-15 MACU Rally & Homecoming
- Mar. 15 Alumni Association Meeting
- Apr. 1-2 Easter Break
- Apr. 7 SNL On-the-Road
Avalon Church of Christ,
Virginia Beach, VA
- Apr. 16 Tuesday Tour
- Apr. 20 ECC Alumni & Friends Reunion
Segroves Center, Bel Air, MD
- Apr. 21 SNL On-The-Road
Macedonia Christian Church,
Williamston, NC
- May 6 River Day
- May 6-10 Final Exams
- May 9 Foundation Board Meeting
- May 10 Chick-fil-A Leadercast
- May 10 Trustee Meeting
- May 11 Commencement, 10 am
- May 21 Tuesday Tour
- June 4 Seniors by the Sea Retreat
Tom and Kay Moll, Speakers



Roger Burns

Burns Becomes Campus Minister

MID-ATLANTIC WELCOMES ROGER BURNS '12, minister for Elizabeth City Church of Christ, as the new campus minister. Students already appreciated his preaching and pastoral care for them, since he was in a local ministry and frequently on campus. He follows Chris Stanley '12, who became the minister for Sheva Church of Christ in Chatham, VA, in the fall. Roger and his wife, Erin, recently welcomed their first child, Bowen.

Again, the university says welcome to Roger and a heartfelt thanks to Chris for his service.

Spring Semester Activities in FULL BLOOM

HUNDREDS ATTENDED Sunday Night Live Jan. 20, with over 100 participating in the MLK Day of Service the next day. Youth groups who spent the night; some college students, faculty, and staff; and others from the community packed 15,120 meals in two hours (236 man hours), enough food to feed 63 third-world citizens for a year. They spent an additional 1,080 man hours (worth just about \$8,000 at minimum wage) placing a ton of mulch and planting 50 plants at Central Elementary School and using \$400 worth of cleaning supplies and six gallons of white paint to clean and refresh six houses, which will be homes to formerly homeless families.

In February the department was very involved with the Carolina Christian Youth Convention as well as the Third Annual Griffin Awards (student film contest). Sunday Night Live (SNL) events, both on campus and on the road, continue, along with Tuesday Tours the third Tuesday each month.

Enrollment Director Dan Smith said, “Please pray for our team as we continue to engage potential students! Pray for these high school students and adults as they make decisions around their education in becoming the person that God wants them to be!”

Upcoming Admissions Events

- Mar. 4-8 NACCAP - Florida Christian High School College Fairs
- Mar. 26 Elizabeth City Business Expo
- Mar. 29-30 Ohio Teens for Christ, Columbus, OH
- Apr. 7 SNL On-the-Road, Avalon Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, VA
- Apr. 13 Metro Christian Convention, New York
- Apr. 16 Tuesday Tour
- Apr. 21 SNL On-the-Road, Macedonia Christian Church, Williamston, NC
- May 10 Chick-fil-A Leadercast
- May 18 Elizabeth City Potato Festival
- May 21 Tuesday Tour
- June 7-9 Norfolk Harbor Fest

Summer teams will be traveling June-August: FL, MD, NY, NC, WV, TN, PA, SC, NJ
5 weeks of CIY in TN, MD, FL



Charlie Troxell

Troxell Named Interim Women’s Basketball Coach

CHARLES (CHARLIE) TROXELL III HAS BEEN NAMED interim women’s basketball coach.

He began his duties in January, replacing Coach Michael Cisero, who resigned to seek full-time employment. Troxell has over five years of head coaching experience, working in ladies basketball

at the middle school and high school levels.

Coach Troxell grew up in the Tidewater area and attended Portsmouth Christian Academy. He earned a B.S. in Religion-Youth Ministry from Liberty University in 2007. While he was a student at Liberty, he worked in the athletic department from January 2002 till June 2006. He has a strong faith and is a minister in the Portsmouth area. He also has over six years of church ministry experience as a youth minister in Southeastern Virginia.

Neal Alligood, MACU’s Athletic Director and Men’s

Basketball Coach, said, “I believe Coach Troxell is a tremendous fit . . . I am looking forward to working alongside Coach Troxell as he desires to see these young ladies grow academically, spiritually, and physically to become superior athletes. I am confident that he will lead these young women in setting a great example and being wonderful ambassadors for Mid-Atlantic Christian University.”

Troxell is married and has four children.

Welcome, Coach Troxell, and thanks, Coach

Cisero.



W. Kieth Lane, Jr.

Assistant Coach Lane Passes

W. KIETH LANE, JR. EX'00, 38, a second year assistant coach with the men’s basketball team, died Oct. 26 following a brief hospitalization for aortic valve replacement surgery.

Coach Lane was a minister in Hertford, NC, where he was known and loved by many. He mentored youth at Perquimans County High School (PCHS) and coached the cheerleaders. Many young people attributed their success in school and their sense of self worth to his involvement in their lives, which also included praying for them and writing notes of encouragement. But he also confronted young people regarding changes they needed to make and challenged them to be better than they imagined possible. One public school official said, “He was an awesome individual and will be missed by so many. He was able to change [students’] lives daily within the walls of school at PCHS.”

The university sends heartfelt sympathy to his widow, Selena, and to the many who grieve his passing.



MACU Announces USCAA Affiliation

MID-ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED into a national affiliation for athletic programs, the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, or USCAA. MACU currently holds provisional status. USCAA membership broadens MACU’s athletic footprint from a regional affiliation to a national affiliation.

As a USCAA provisional member, “MACU is immediately eligible for Player of the Week and National All-Academic honors with the USCAA,

as well as statistical leaders as displayed on our website,” said the association.

Membership is effective immediately for the men’s and women’s basketball programs on the USCAA Division II level. As sports are added, they will also fall under the USCAA association.

The mission statement of the USCAA is “Leveling the playing field for America’s small colleges.” More information about the USCAA is available at www.theuscaa.com.



New Ministries and Service

Gregg Wilgus ex'78 is the evangelist for Ocean View Church of Christ, Ocean View, DE.

Ric Watford '77 is now serving as pastor with Laurinburg Christian Church, Laurinburg, NC.

Gregg Brookins ex'80 is ministering with Cabin Swamp Church of Christ, Cabin Swamp, NC.

Jon Langley '87 is senior minister at Gum Neck Church of Christ in Gum Neck, NC.

Phillip Murdock '97 is lead minister with LifePointe Christian Church, Toano, VA.

Dawn Brookins '02 is now youth director with Wilkinson Church of Christ, Pantego, NC.

Scott Montgomery '05 is preaching for Chadron Christian Church, Chadron, NE.

David Herring '06 is serving as worship leader for Radiant Church in Surprise, AZ.

Billy Dyer '07 is now the preaching evangelist at Severn Christian Church in Severn, MD.

Robert Spruill '07 is now the preaching minister for Wilkinson Church of Christ in Pantego, NC.

Senior **Eric Allen** is preaching for Tranters Creek Church of Christ, Washington, NC.

Weddings

Charlie Perry ex'08 and Amanda Wright, Dec. 21

Nicholas Simon and **Vicki Johnson Knollenberg '86**, Jan. 7

Aaron Grosjean '10 and Leah Radar, Jan. 27

New Family Members

Joey '09 and Stephanie **Balsamo**: Hope Jolene, Dec. 6

Corey ex'13 and Kendall **Donker**: Skylar Mae, Dec. 6

Chris '10 and **Mary Jo Cecil '08 Gallihugh**: Naomi Grace, Dec. 31

Daniel and **Whitney Jones ex'10 Humphrey**: Caroline Saline, Jan. 9

Ben and **Becky Dahmer '04 Oravetz**: Jesse Isaac, Jan. 17

Roger '12 and Erin **Burns**: Bowen Reid, Jan. 18

Greg '02 and **Katie Davenport '01 Coverdale**: Karlie Grey, Jan. 23

Senior **Corey** and Jeanette **Spence**: Charlotte Alexandria, Feb. 1

Spenser '09 and **Allie Cecil '10 Haskett**: Jonah Michael, Feb. 3

Joe '11 and **Kristi Pipkin '11 Cartwright**: Malachi Isaiah, Feb. 7

Lee ex'91 and Karen **Howerin**: Jessa Jean, Feb. 17

Obituaries and Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to:

Tyler '08 and **Torie Jones '06 Brooks**, whose infant son, Aaron James, died Nov. 1

Al Radabaugh ex'99 on the passing of his wife, Lila, Nov. 6.

Linden B. Keffer ECC ex'69, preacher; husband, father; grandfather and brother; died September 13. A native of Connellsville, PA, he was residing in Louisa County, VA, at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Shirley M. Keffer ECC ex'67, a son and daughter; two grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters (Sandy Keffer ECC ex'67, Louis Keffer ECC ex'71, Karen K. Waldron '75, and Doug Keffer '77). He was in a longtime ministry with Bonnie Brae Church of Christ in Richmond, VA, when he died.

Margaret Ann Barnes Clark ex'52, 83, died October 17. She was the wife of the late Albert B. Clark. Ann was a charter member of Geneva Park Church of Christ,

Chesapeake, Virginia, where she taught Sunday School since the age of twelve. She was involved in Community Outreach Programs and Juvenile Advocacy for the City of Chesapeake. Her activities involved volunteer work for her church and community. Among her many survivors are four children who attended MACU – Richard '78, Carol Talbot ex'80, Gary ex'80, and Becky Cyphers '82 – and four grandchildren.

Melva Fuller Davis ex'61, age 73, died November 11. A native of Pittsylvania County, VA, she was the wife of the late Roy Cecil Davis '59. Melva worked alongside Cecil in ministry for more than 50 years. She and Cecil have one daughter, Sarah.

Norma Rae Powell McIntosh Berry ex '53, 81, died November 16, 2012. She grew up in the Geneva Park Church of Christ in Chesapeake, VA, and was a member of Bethlehem Church of Christ in Hertford, NC.

Other News'n'Notes

Mark Woolard, Jr. '90 retired from 33 years in the US Air Force and Air Force Reserves. His retirement ceremony was Nov. 16 at Fort Meade, MD.

TO THE GENERAL FUND

M/M Ben Allen (Honor) by M/M Roger Tatem

Lewis and Estelle Allen (Memory) by Hilda Jones

Steve Allen (Memory) by M/M Frank Allen

Neil Colin Alligood (Memory) by Roger and Sonja Tuning

Helen Ange (Memory)

Joan Sawyer (Honor) by Ken Bello

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M/M Glenn Brickhouse (Honor) by M/M Cory Furlough

Freada Casini (Memory) by M/M Stephen Lobacz

Al and Ann Clark (Memory) by M/M Kurtis Kight

Ann Clark (Memory) George BonDurant, Beth BonDurant, M/M Peter Weathers, M/M Taylor Wyatt

Sterling Clary, Estelle Murray, Allison C. Walker, Daryl Clary and children Dustin, Makayla, Maddie, and Holton; Greg and Tammy Hand; Garrett and Melissa Lewis (Honor) by Rebecca Clary Jones

Dennis Crehan (Honor) by Dorlas Riley

Gerald Dye (Memory) by Gladys Dye

Taylor Everette (Honor) by Mae Everette

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Ben James (Memory) by M/M Raffael Farrow

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Bruce Hardin (Memory) by M/M Elbert Lilley, Connie Harris, Jane Tyndall, Richard Hardin

Allen Herndon (Memory) by Corinne Herndon

Bud Larsen (Memory) by Tina Larsen

Thomas Leggett (Memory) by M/M Bruce Fraser

Kevin McNeil (Honor) by M/M Cory Furlough, M/M Milton Phelps

Marvin Rose (Memory) by Dorothy Rose

James and Teresa Warren (Honor) by M/M Kenneth Kimmerle

Milton Whitley (Memory) by M/M Gray McDonald

Ronnie Woolard (Honor) by M/M Phil Laughlin, Thomas Woodward

TO THE MACU FOUNDATION

Carolyn Allen (Memory)

Mary Scott (Memory) by D/M Ken Greene

Barbara Andrews (Memory) by M/M Alton Andrews, D/M Gene Andrews

Erin Barber, M/M Stephen Brooks, M/M Aaron Bullock, M/M Roger Burns, M/M Chris Butler, M/M Robert Claus, M/M Brandon Craig, M/M Travis Dowdy, M/M Ronald Franklin, Betty Lindsley, Mike Shrum, M/M Chris Shoaff, Kevin Skiffington, M/M Chris Stanley, James Turner, M/M Chris Williams, M/M Myron Williams, M/M Dewayne Woolard (Honor)

Aaron Brooks, Ann Clark, Bobby Claus, Richard Collins, Bill Kendall, Kieth Lane, Marie Layden, Marvin Rose, Charlie Ward (Memory) by M/M Rich Lindsley

Cox Family Christmas by D/M Lee Fields

Cindy Herbst (Memory) by John Herbst

William Edwin Lipscombe (Memory)

Virginia Lipscombe Smith (Honor) by Martha Anderson

Bob Moulden (Honor) by Bessie Modlin

Marshall and Viola Murphy (Memory) by M/M Emmett Murphy

MATCHING GIFTS

Abbott Laboratories Fund for Jean Bennett

American Express for David Smith

Eaton Corporation for Charlene Richards

Norfolk Southern Foundation for Donna D. Fisher

Wells Fargo Bank for Danette McCracken

Westvaco for Blenda Duckworth

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Mid-Atlantic Foundation News

Sandra Perkins, Foundation Director

UPCOMING FOUNDATION EVENTS:

- May 9
Foundation Board of Directors meeting
- Sept. 7
Motorcycle Rally
- Oct. 17
Foundation Banquet
- Oct. 17
Foundation Board of Directors meeting

MID-ATLANTIC FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE a new fund created in September 2012: the Rehoboth Victory Christian Church "A Place of Another Chance" Fund. Rehoboth Victory Christian Church (RVCC) was a small, historically African American congregation in the heart of Elizabeth City. The name "Rehoboth" comes from Genesis 26:22, "God has a place for me, and we will be fruitful in the land." Minister Darrell Hairston and his wife Caprice, graduates of MACU, moved to Elizabeth City to start the church. They willingly and gladly sacrificed for the Kingdom of Christ

and were a blessing to RVCC. The church was a small body poised for excellence and growth in spiritual maturity and in number. After ten years of minimal growth, the church determined to close when the Hairstons were called to Orlando, Florida, to minister at Washington Shores Church of Christ. The leaders of RVCC wanted to honor MACU for its influence on the church in educating the Hairstons and for renting the chapel building to the church. They placed \$10,000 in a minority scholarship inside the Foundation saying, "Our prayer is this minority scholarship will be a blessing



Darrell and Caprice Hairston

to well deserving recipients, and in return, the recipients will be a blessing to the Kingdom of God." Mid-Atlantic is pleased to have this new student scholarship fund for African-American students.

THE SEGROVES CHALLENGE CONTINUES: Eastern Christian College alumni are challenged by Thomas Joseph to match his \$10,000 gift for the J.T. and Addie Maye Segroves Scholarship Fund over three years.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 —BOB MORTON MEMORIAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY AND CHARITY RIDE:

Save the date for this fun annual motorcycle rally. Tell your motorcycle clubs about the event and bring some friends to the ride. The special speaker at this event is Pete Kunkle from First Christian Church Ministries in Kernersville, NC. Come have fun and help raise money for the student scholarship fund in the MACU Foundation. Online registration will become available closer to the date.



Your Invitation to Join the



THE MID-ATLANTIC SOCIETY IS COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS, churches and organizations who believe in the mission of Mid-Atlantic Christian University and pledge to become partners with the University through financial support of \$3 a day (\$1,000 or more a year). Society members are taking the lead in providing the needed resources for future generations.

If you have not already, why not join us! We invite you to be a member of the Mid-Atlantic Society. A commitment of \$3 a day, or \$84 a month, or \$1,000 a year qualifies you as a member of the society. Simply send in your gift(s) to become a Society member.

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Emmett Murphy - Estate Planning

Song leading by: Eddie Bowen, Old Ford Church of Christ

Silent Auction to benefit Foundation scholarship fund

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or to donate auction items. Registration information
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit Alumni and Friends of Eastern Christian College on Facebook.



Help Bring Showers of Blessing This Spring!

The annual April Showers campaign is around the corner. We are asking all MACU alumni and friends to participate. This simple letter-sharing campaign has made a significant financial impact for MACU over the years. **HELP MAKE THIS YEAR ONE OF OUR BEST EVER!**

To participate, contact Lisa Williams in Advancement at lisa.williams@macuniversity.edu or 252-334-2008.
Give online at <http://macuniversity.edu/partnering-with-macu/april-showers>. Packets will also be available at the MACU Rally in March.