

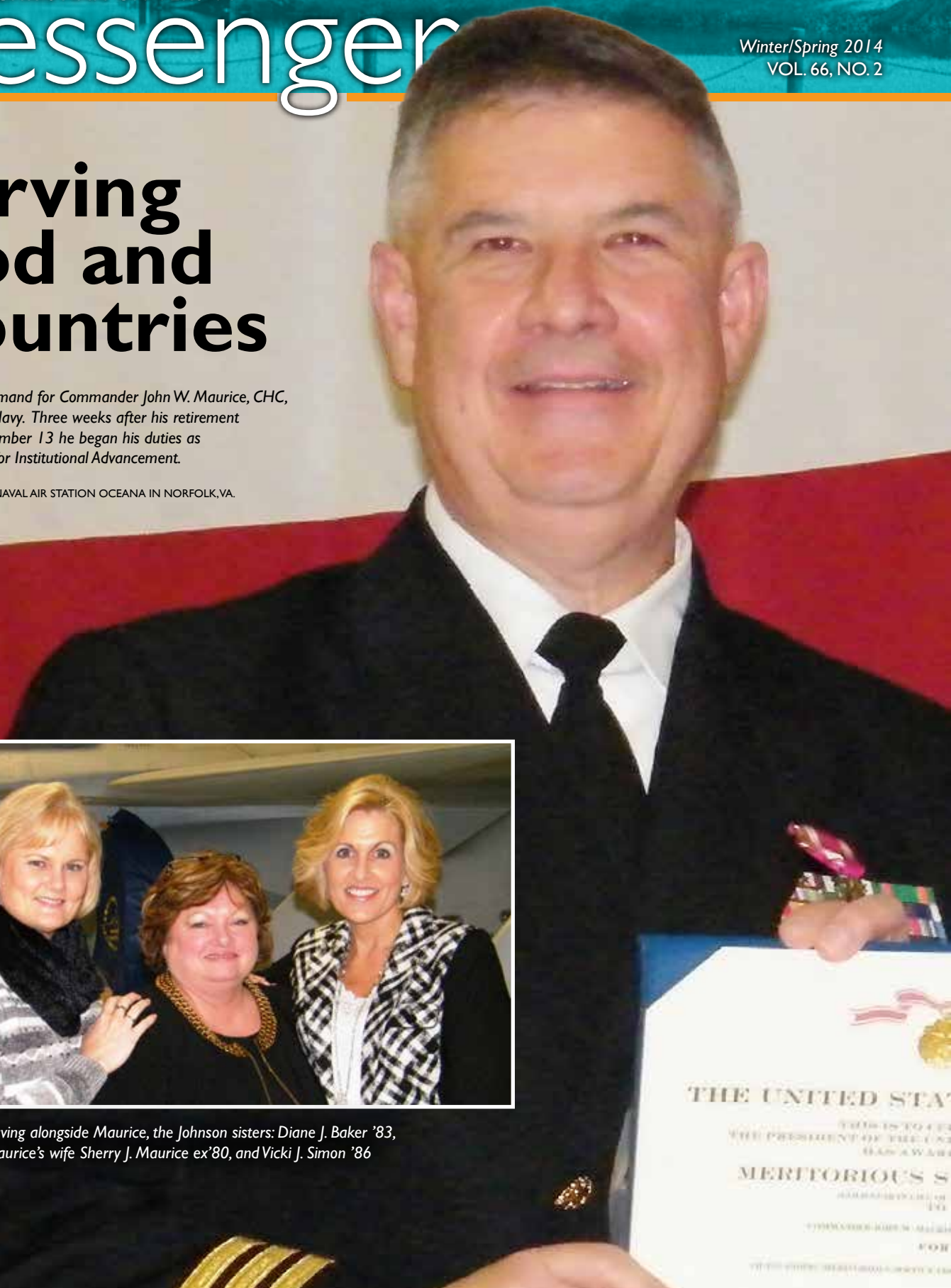
Serving God and Countries

Change of command for Commander John W. Maurice, CHC, United States Navy. Three weeks after his retirement ceremony December 13 he began his duties as Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

PHOTO TAKEN AT NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA IN NORFOLK, VA.



Often found serving alongside Maurice, the Johnson sisters: Diane J. Baker '83, Commander Maurice's wife Sherry J. Maurice ex'80, and Vicki J. Simon '86



Blessing, not begging

WE ARE EMPOWERED BY YOUR PRAYERS.

We are enabled by your giving.

One of my roles at Mid-Atlantic is to regularly ask people for money. That is my job. It really is not an unpleasant thing to do. Giving is one of the highest spiritual disciplines. In fact we are told to “see that you excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7b). So rather than seeing my role as someone who is always begging, I see myself as someone who is helping people to grow in their walk with the Lord. Our master told us “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). So, I see my role as helping people to put their heart, their treasure, directly in the middle of the advancement of God’s great kingdom.

There are a lot of great ministries to put your treasure in, but the **best return on your money is investing in a Christian university/Bible college**. Period. Our alumni are in 46 states, 1 territory, and 22 countries. They preach at large and small churches. In fact several preach at some of the largest churches in America. They serve in missions large and small. In fact several run some of the largest mission organizations on the globe. They are school teachers, numerous ones of whom have been named Teacher of the Year. They serve in the military and police force. They teach in both faith-based and public universities. They are professional counselors. In fact many own and operate counseling centers. They are leaders in non-profits

and for-profit organizations.

The list could go on and on. And it does not include the ministries yet to be started and led by future alumni. Simply stated, we educate ministers. Many will serve in the churches, and many will serve in the marketplace.

So when I ask for money, it is not for me or even so that Mid-Atlantic can remain open. It is to advance the Kingdom of God around the globe. It is good to support missions, but it makes sense to first support those entities that educate those who will lead our mission enterprises.

So I am asking you for \$3 a day (\$84 a month or \$1,000 a year). Can you give that amount to help educate the next generation of extraordinary Christian leaders? There are no commitment forms to sign. The process is simple. Start writing the check or set up an automatic bank draft. Or do as some businesses do — give a percentage of their proceeds. But know this: Mid-Atlantic is funded by people like you — those who first give their tithes and offerings to the church and then give regularly and generously to MACU. Some can give much; others cannot. All gifts, both large and small, are valued at Mid-Atlantic. Those who do this (individuals, alumni, churches, and companies) are a special group of people whose hearts are at MACU. We call them the Mid-Atlantic Society.


And I want you to know that every employee, every Trustee, every Director gives every year to

Mid-Atlantic.

I am also asking to remember Mid-Atlantic in your will. Estate planning is not just for the wealthy. Estate planning is for everyone reading this article. We partner with Financial Planning Ministry (fpm.org) to offer estate planning as a service to you for free. Contact us if we can serve you in this area. Those who do this are known as the Mid-Atlantic Legacy Group. Please join the over 300 families who are part of passing on the legacy of advancing God’s Kingdom.

And, if you have not established a fund in the Mid-Atlantic Foundation, then what are you waiting on? Ninety-five percent — 95% — of our students need financial aid. Funds given to the Foundation create a perpetual giving of scholarships for future ministers. The Mid-Atlantic Foundation’s sole purpose to support MACU.

Help me in welcoming John Maurice, our new Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He will stand with me on the front lines asking you to join us in the adventure of impacting the world for Christ.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your faithful giving. We are empowered by your prayers. We are enabled by your giving. 



Serving Those Who Serve,

Clay

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D. • President

MACU at the International Conference on Missions (ICOM)

KANSAS CITY, MO, NOVEMBER 14-17 • GLORIFYING GOD GLOBALLY

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

HOW FAR IS IT FROM Elizabeth City to Kansas City? Student leaders Katie Webb and Katie Hackett estimated that it is 1,200 miles. How many students would be willing to make the 40-hour round trip by road? And how many would be willing to pay for their share of expenses? The answer turned out to be 25 students. Student Life Administrator Andrea Strawderman even volunteered to drive a MACU van full of students round trip. Others drove their own cars. Such is the enthusiasm for and popularity of International Conference on Missions (ICOM).

Enrollment Director Dan and Kathy Smith drove that distance, too, with a van loaded with supplies and equipment for the MACU booth. They set up and manned the booth, with help from Andrea Strawderman, Dr. Robert Reese, and Dr. Clay Per-

kins. Former colleague Keith Wood ’93, the new Director of Development at ICOM, was involved in the success of this year’s conference. As a result, MACU was well represented at ICOM among the 7,500 people who attended.

The theme for 2013 was “Glorifying God Globally.” Jair Castillo was ICOM’s first Hispanic president, so the entire conference had a Latin flavor, from chips and salsa being available in the booth area to having a keynote address delivered in Spanish (with an interpreter) by a preacher from Mexico. Each speaker used Psalm 67, where the psalmist writes, “May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you,” as the basis for the



sermon. Several MACU students went forward to commit their lives to God for cross-cultural service for the first time. ICOM is where lives are impacted for future service, decisions are made for life work, and connections are found to help fulfill dreams for serving God. We can’t wait for next year’s ICOM in Columbus, OH, but especially for ICOM 2015 in Richmond, VA.

2014: Columbus, OH, Nov. 13-16

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

Spring Break Tour for MACU Choir


IN MARCH THE MACU CHOIR will travel to churches and schools in North Carolina presenting a musical program with a message from the book of Ephesians. Led by co-directors Sandra Perkins and Lisa Williams, the singers include freshmen and upperclassmen from various states. Many have experience performing in choirs. Dr. Ken Greene, Vice President for Student Services, said “This traveling choir demonstrates the musical abilities of our students and offers them the opportunity to share their faith through song in our community and supporting churches. The enthusiasm and willingness of our students to use their talents to benefit others is an inspiration to me and will be to you as well as you attend any of their performances.”

Lisa Williams leads the vocals, and Sandra Perkins accompanies on the piano. Both co-directors hold other positions at the University. Mrs. Perkins



The fall choir members include Ariana Avila, Elizabeth Bartlett, Brooke Buzza, Kelsea Fallon, Taylor Holloman, Tiffany Kriss, Sarah Lunceford, Katie Sizemore, Catrina Webster, and Becka Woodard.

is the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Foundation, assists the President in scheduling speaking engagements, and teaches piano. Mrs. Williams is the Resident Hall Director and also works in the Institutional Advancement office. This is the first year that Lisa and Sandra have directed the choir at Mid-Atlantic.

For more information, contact Sandra Perkins at 252-334-2003 or sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu. 

TOURING IN NORTH CAROLINA

- March 2** First Christian Church, Roanoke Rapids
- March 3** Eastern Pines Church of Christ, Greenville
- March 4** Plymouth Church of Christ, Plymouth
- March 5** Terra Ceia Christian School, Pantego
- March 5** Broad Creek Christian Church, New Bern
- March 6** Reidsville Christian Church, Reidsville
- March 7** First Christian Academy, Kernersville
- March 8** Stoneybrook Christian Church, Wilson

GOD AND COUNTRIES... MACU Serves Globally



Greg and Nikki Saldi

WITH THE ADDITION OF Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Maurice, Mid-Atlantic has added another administrator who has ministered globally. His ministry was as a Navy Chaplain and Commander. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students seek to share God’s Word globally as they impact the culture for Christ, one soul at a time.

Just recently Greg ’03 and Nikki Treasure ’01 Saldi announced that they are raising money to serve in France. They hope to move there in September, pending securing the needed support.

Chloe Lackey ’13 served an internship in



Chloe Lackey


Vietnam as a student. She returned to that country to teach English at Duy Tan High School in Tuy Hoa, the capital city of Phu Yen in south-central Vietnam.

As recently as Christmas break, current student Lauren Witherspoon served in the Philippines, answering a call from missionaries in Cebu City for immediate help. Lauren wrote her fellow students, “I know you guys have heard what has been going on in the Philippines including the many earthquakes and the worst typhoon recorded in history leaving the death toll in the thousands. I’m



Lauren Witherspoon

sure that given the chance, everybody from this campus would put down what they are doing and go to help. But realistically, not everybody has the opportunity to go. But you do have the opportunity to directly touch the lives of 40 beautiful individual lives at The Village of Hope Orphanage in Cebu City, Philippines.” And with that she closed her appeal for help from her MACU family as she rushed to help December 16 – January 3.

With great joy, MACU educates such men and women as these to share God’s love and impact the culture — all cultures — for Christ. 



The Lord's Harvest Dr. Fields

IN THE KORAN MUSLIMS REFER to both Jews and Christians as a "people of the book" (e.g., Sura 4:171).


This is a title worn proudly by Christians. Christianity at its foundation is a religion built upon the Scriptures. The phrase has also been adopted by the Restoration Movement, albeit sometimes under the mistaken idea that the expression distinguishes us from all other Christian groups. Let's embrace this phrase and learn some lessons from others who do as well.

■ **A lesson from liturgical churches: read the words of the Book.** We are a part of Christendom that has rejected the liturgy. However, we can learn from those who use it. One Palm Sunday I visited the Anglican Church at Historic Williamsburg. In the service readers from the congregation read parts of

the story of the week leading up to the resurrection. I do not know how many verses were read, but at least 100. Reading texts aloud in worship with a quality that enhances interest and understanding is something a people of the Book does.

■ **A lesson from the Jews and the Greek Orthodox: connect to the language and culture of the Book.** Until recently, nearly all our churches had Sunday school. The Greek Orthodox likewise have Sunday school, but they also have Greek school, where they teach their children Greek, the language of the New Testament. The Jews also have Sunday school. They teach their children Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament. Both these groups teach the languages to maintain connection to their culture and to the text. Knowing the languages and the culture of the texts is something a people of the Book does.

■ **A lesson from Psalm 119: carefully study the Book.** The first eight verses of Psalm 119 describe the activities of God's people towards God's word: they meditate on it (v. 15), they walk in (a metaphor for living by) His instruction (vv. 1, 3), they keep it diligently (vv. 2, 4), they fix their eyes attentively on all his commands (v. 5), they give genuine praise (i.e., "worship") to God when they learn His teachings (v. 7), and they resolve to obey those teachings (v. 8). Many more actions are described in the following verses. Studying carefully and deliberately seeking to live by those words is something a people of the Book does.

Whatever else may be said, may those who meet us rightly call us "a people of the Book." 

Please follow Dr. Fields' new monthly blog at <http://bit.ly/hebrewforyou>

MACU AUTHORS




Dr. Robert Smith

Dr. Bob Smith's article "Walls of the Decapolis." *ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies Periodical* 23(2011):471-490.

Report from Online Education



Dr. Greg Waddell
Director of Online Education
Associate Professor of Leadership


WE HAVE LAUNCHED A MAJOR publicity campaign that is already sprouting some fruit. Our online program has had 110 new inquiries since it was launched at the start of November. Out of these, ten percent continue to the point of a personal interview and twenty percent of these have enrolled. Though the actual numbers of new enrollees is not huge yet, if this trend continues, we should soon begin to see an exponential increase. New courses are being developed even as I write this, with Perspectives in World Christian Movement, Introduction to Family Ministry, Management, Interpretation of Biblical Literature, Christian Formation, and Organizational Finance being added for the spring 2014 semester. My goal is that the quality of learning students receive from our online courses meets or exceeds the quality of our on-campus courses. I am excited about the future of our online program and ask that you pray daily for our online students and distance instructors. 

News from Elementary Education



Dr. Cheryl Luton
Director of Elementary Education

SARAH CARPENITO '13 RECENTLY PASSED her final test for New York state teacher certification. Also, Ashley Brown, who is currently enrolled in the elementary education program, will be going to Tanzania this June to teach English to Bible translators as a Wycliffe Associates volunteer.

Congratulations are in order for earlier MACU graduates Patsy Hart and Kathy Masters, who were recently honored for excellence in teaching. See Page 10 for details. 

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DEAN'S LIST Fall 2013

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 (*).

CHRISTOPHER B. CHERRY
ADAM M. CRAWFORD
LAUREN E. DEVEAU
STEPHANIE L. EMPSON
CAITLIN D. GOSS
AMY L. ISLER
JAMES R. KNIGHT
TIFFANY J. KRISS*
COURTNEY A. LEAZER
BRANDON L. LEWIS
SARAH M. LUNCEFORD
MARK A. MANN, JR.
MICHAEL S. MOULDEN
MORGAN F. NAYADLEY
SAMANTHA P. ROBERSON
JACOB T. SMITH
WENDY J. WARD
EMILY L. WHITTEN
LAUREN E. WITHERSPOON
REBECCA K. WOODARD

ISRAEL STUDY TOUR



DR. BOB SMITH OF THE Department of Biblical Studies invites family and friends of the University to join our Israel Study Tour. This Holy Land trip seeks to promote Biblical awareness among participants and those around them. He believes that your trip, like his first trip to the Holy Land in 1984, "will change your life and appreciation for the Bible."


The twelve-day adventure between July 1-12 will focus on New Testament sites and experiences relating to the ministry of Jesus as well as Old Testament sites where events helped to set the stage for His coming. With an inclusive price of \$4098 out of Norfolk, VA, participants will be making an investment but may be assured that they will get terrific value. This trip will stretch the horizons of your Biblical knowledge from the verdant headwaters of the Jordan on the flanks of Mt. Hermon in the North to the dry desolation of the Dead Sea in the South. Spiritually, you will grow in your love for the God who sent His son into a fallen world at just the right time and place to provide salvation for sinners.

The first part of this tour will focus on the region of Galilee where Jesus grew up and initiated His ministry. From a base hotel in Tiberias, participants will see vistas of the Sea of Galilee and sites of Jesus' miracles. A highlight will be a boat trip on the Sea. The second half of the tour will focus on Judea where Jesus was born and ultimately died in Jerusalem. From a base hotel near the Old City Gate, participants will walk routes taken by Jesus as He moved to fulfill the Father's will and accomplish the saving work needed by sinners.

In order to receive a printed brochure, interested persons should notify Dr. Smith at 252.334.2018 or send an e-mail to bob.smith@macuniversity.edu.



He will send you his responses to frequently asked questions. Price, details subject to change.

To view the brochure and details online, go to www.jcbs.org/find_trip and look for Tour = JC14, Date = 070114R, Tour Host ID 55164. You will secure your position on the tour and price with a deposit of \$300. Individuals choosing to participate after March will face additional expenses. 

MACU Rally & Homecoming 2014

Albert Blanton III Campus Life Center | **March 12 - 15, 2014** | *Childcare Available Friday Morning & Evening*

Rally Speakers

DR. C. BARRY McCARTY '75

Peachtree Christian Church
Atlanta, GA
*Thursday Afternoon Seminar,
Thursday Evening Gala Speaker*

GEN. ROGER E. BRADY USAF General (Ret.)

Raleigh, NC
*Friday Afternoon Seminar,
Friday Evening Speaker*

WAYNE MURPHY ECC

Paw Paw, WV
Friday Morning Speaker

*Leading music and worship,
Friday Morning and Evening*

JORDAN CLARK '07

Christ's Church, Winterville, NC

DR. BARRY MCCARTY '75 is the senior pastor of historic Peachtree Christian Church, an Atlanta landmark famous for the stained-glass English Gothic cathedral where the congregation worships. Prior to serving as a pastor, Dr. McCarty was a college and seminary professor with published texts in the fields of preaching and church leadership. He served as a professor at MACU from 1976-1988. Following five years as president of Cincinnati Christian University, in 1993 he answered the call to new church work, leading the Centre Pointe Christian Church, West Chester, OH, in growing from a core of 140 people meeting in a rented school cafeteria to over 1,000 in six years.

Barry was graduated from MACU in 1975 with a B.S. in Christian ministries, from Abilene Christian University in 1977 with an MA in Preaching, and from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980 with a PhD in Rhetoric and Argumen-



tation. For the past 28 years he has advised 14 presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention as the chief parliamentarian for their annual meetings.

Known for his passion for Biblical preaching, Barry describes his mission in life as "inviting people to follow Christ and teaching them to do everything he told us to do."

His wife Patricia (a 1976 graduate of MACU) is the executive assistant to the vice president for mobilization at the North American Mission Board. They have three grown sons: Ryan, Noah, and Ian (a 2009 graduate of MACU).



GEN. ROGER BRADY served for more than 41 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as Commander, US Air Forces in Europe in 2011. He and Litha met in Oklahoma where they attended the University of Oklahoma as undergraduates. They earned Masters' degrees at Colorado State University. Roger also attended executive programs at Columbia University and Harvard University. They have two children, Caroline and Andrew, and five grandchildren. They have been active in teaching in congregations of the Church of Christ throughout their lives together. Roger is an active speaker, author and teacher with a focus on principled leadership. He also advises companies on issues related to the nation's defense. The Bradys live in Raleigh, NC, and spend as much time as possible on the Outer Banks.



C. WAYNE MURPHY was born and reared at Montpelier, VA. As a student, he served as Youth Minister with Mountain Christian Church, Joppa, MD. He received a B.A. in Biblical Studies from Eastern Christian College, a M.Min. from Kentucky Christian University, and a M.A. in Practical Ministries from Cincinnati Christian University. He has served in various capacities with the Eastern Christian Conference since 1969 and as Executive Director since 2000. Wayne joined Polish Christian Ministries, Bel Air, MD, in 1993 and served as Executive Director since 1994, retiring from that role in 2013. He made 33 trips to Poland since 1987. Prior to missions ministry he served 18 years in the preaching ministry in Maryland and Pennsylvania and five years on the staff of Eastern Christian College. He has been married 46 years to the former Diana Lease of Paw Paw, WV; they have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RALLY,
contact John Maurice at 252.334.2034
or john.maurice@macuniversity.edu.

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 Thursday.

MOTELS/HOTELS

Best Western Plus 252.331.7751 www.bestwestern.com	Comfort Inn 252.338.8900 www.comfortinn.com	Hampton Inn 252.333.1800 www.hamptoninn.com 800-Hampton (426.7866)
	Fairfield Inn & Suites 252.333.1003 www.marriott.com/orfec 888.236.2427	Quality Inn 252.338.3951 www.qualityinn.com

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WEDNESDAY 3/12

Sports and Recruitment Day
Alumni/Ladies Volleyball Match
Alumni/Mustangs Basketball Game

THURSDAY 3/13

Preaching Seminar
Dr. Barry McCarty
2:00 p.m.

Tea for Ministers' Wives
Hosted by Sandra Perkins
2:00 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Society Gala
Dr. McCarty speaking
(Reservations required; contact Jenny Rowland at jenny.rowland@macuniversity.edu)

FRIDAY 3/14

Coffee Connection
8:30 a.m.

Morning Session
Wayne Murphy speaking
9:30 a.m.

Alumni Meeting
11:45 a.m.

Leadership Seminar
Roger E. Brady, USAF Gen. Ret.
2:00 p.m.

Estate Planning Seminar
3:30 p.m.

Class reunions
Recognizing the classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, & 2004

Evening Session
Gen. Brady speaking
7:20 p.m.

SATURDAY 3/15

2-Man Captain's Choice Golf Scramble
The Carolina Club, Grandy, NC
\$100 per person • Win prizes
Raise money for scholarships
8:00 a.m.
(contact Eric Poyner: 252.455.0984 or eric.poyner@macuniversity.edu)

Enrollment Highlights



Dan Smith
Enrollment Director

DURING FALL SEMESTER ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT staff members have attended 167 high school and community college campuses for local and regional college fairs. At these fairs, enrollment counselors Garrett Lewis and Corbin Kuhn, intern Brittany Meinsen, and Enrollment Director Dan Smith have met nearly 700 students who have expressed an interest in attending MACU in the future.

The 2013 College Preview Weekend was a great success with 47 high school juniors and seniors attending the sell-out Switchfoot concert and then staying on-campus for the weekend. Besides the concert, this year's College Preview Weekend activities included an intimate Meet-Our-Profsessors Fair, a roving campus tour, an outdoor cook-out, and a trip to Jockey's Ridge in Nags Head to play on the dunes and fly kites. Please pray for these high school students as they make their college choices. We would be proud to train them for Kingdom work.

Please continue to pray for the staff as they connect with high school students, military, and adults interested in a Bible-centered education. Pray that

- Spring events on and off campus include:
- Carolina Christian Youth Convention, February 21- 23 (Durham, NC)
 - Spring Open House Concert (watch MACU website for details)
 - Sunday Night Live! Road Edition (March & April dates available for your church)
 - Leadercast, May 9
- we are able to connect, inform, support, and coach potential students of any age as they explore God's will and the many educational choices available to them. 

DATES & EVENTS [visit macuniversity.edu for updates]

Mar. 3-7 Spring Break	Mar. 15 Golf Benefit	May 9 Leadercast
Mar. 12-15 MACU Rally & Homecoming Week	Apr. 21, 22 Easter Break	May 9 Trustees Meeting
Mar. 12 Mid-Atlantic Society Gala Dr. Barry McCarty '75, Speaker	May 5 River Day	May 10 Commencement 10 am
Mar. 14 Alumni Association Meeting	May 5-9 Final Exams	June 3 Seniors by the Sea Dr. Johnny Pressley, Speaker
	May 8 Foundation Board Meeting	



Mustangs Basketball Team 2013-14. Front: Caleb Reynolds, Jayshon Saunders, David Barron, Questen Ragin, Perry Wood, Daquan Holden, Joey Craft, Mikal Battle. **Back:** Manager Jessica Shellman, Landon Efird, Michael Anderson, Angus Spencer, Joseph Hill, Niles Forsythe, Coach Neal Alligood. **Not pictured:** Assistant coaches Allan Harris and Michael Morris.

Thanks to the First Corporate Sponsors


MACU MUSTANGS ATHLETICS THANKS THE following corporate sponsors.

Two local companies sponsored the athletic program for the second year: The great people of Flowers Printing in Elizabeth City have been a huge help with printing tickets. Thanks to Danny and Carol Flowers and their staff. Also Steve and his crew at Sweet Sign Designs in Elizabeth City have done an awesome job with logos and signage for the athletic department and facilities.

This year we have also added Elite Hoops High Exposure Basketball Camp. This camp is a passion of Assistant Coach Allan Harris. He and his company have assisted the athletic program in many ways.


The newest member of the corporate sponsorship group is the first ever "website presenting sponsor." This designation means the company sponsored the program at a level worthy of earning naming rights on the home page of the new MACU Mustangs Athletics website. We are grateful for the partnership with Sugar Maple Interactive. Owner David McWilliams, an alumnus, and his team are excited to help make the updated and interactive athletics website available.



Please check out www.gomacumustangs.com, official Home of the MACU Mustangs Athletics, brought to you by the sponsorship of Sugar Maple Interactive! If you would like more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Athletic Department at 252.334.2087 or Athletics@macuniversity.edu. We would love to help you find ways to partner with us. 

MUSTANGS ATHLETICS GOES LIVE

ON DECEMBER 6 THE MACU Mustangs Athletics website went live at www.gomacumustangs.com. The interactive and professional site gives visitors access to all the news of the university's athletic teams – schedules, results, statistics, coaching staff, rosters, and more. Articles and pictures will be posted regularly.

The web page includes a link to the MACU Mustangs Team Gear online store where visitors can buy Mustangs gear factory direct and help raise money for the program. There is also a link to the Mustang Nation Club. There fans can find out how to become an active booster club member. 



Lady Mustangs Basketball Team 2013-14. Front: Amy Isler, Harley Grice, Quaddira Jacobs, Cham Brice. **Back:** Manager Conise Green, Quan Boyd, Brittany Harrison, Taylor Holloman, LaCresha Young, Coach Charlie Troxell.

New Ministries & Service

Dr.Wendy Guthrie '82 has accepted the position of Assistant Dean of the Templar School of Education at Johnson University Florida.

Jason Thornton '99 is an adult ESL instructor in the Newport News,VA, public school system.

Joe Bertone '02 is preaching for Arvada Christian Church in Arvada, CO.

James Scheffler '03 has been called to serve as minister with West Belhaven Church of Christ, Belhaven, NC.

Lee Modlin '08 is serving Granville Center Church of Christ in Granville Summit, PA, as minister.

Senior Amy Hosman Bonner is program director for Northampton Hands for God Child Development and Learning Center in Hampton,VA.

Weddings

Robert Schnipper and **April Tokosh ex'01**, Sept. 21

Mike Twine '11 and Erin Burns, Sept. 7

Nik Safos '08 and Jena Cornell, Oct. 4

Christopher Webb and **Kalyn Lean '10**, Oct. 5

Jason Banton and **Amber Covell '03**, Oct. 26

Ordinations

Landon Elliott '13 was ordained Sept. 29 at his home congregation, Son Rise Church of Christ in Kill Devil Hills, NC.

New Family Members

Tim and **Justine Angell ex'09** Kugel: Eliana Jubilee, Sept. 23

Joe and **Beth Van Buskirk '05** Thompson: Allie Mae, Sept. 25

Richard '02 and **Sarah Judd '02** Hamilton: Ewan Maddux, Sept. 26

Brandon and **Rachel Thayer '09** Merrill: Evelyn Gail, Sept. 26

Dennis and **Julie Schaffner '04** Mitchell: Beatrix Abigail, Oct. 8

Neph '98 and Sheryll Angoluan: Ethan Gabriel, Oct. 9

Patrick '04 and **Ashley Murray ex'09** Harrison: Pippin Storm, Oct. 28

Paul and **Ruth Ann Baker Burnett ex'00**: Avid James, Nov. 6

Eddie'96 and **Lisa Watts ex'03** Ewell: Brooklynn Paige, Nov. 12

Anthony and **Jennifer Horner '05** Rhoades: Isaiah Horner, Nov. 18

Andy ex'90 and Cheryl Cox: Doris Jean, Nov. 30

Attah '13 and Jessica Osebreh: Gilead Pierre, Nov. 30

Obituaries & Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to these who have recently lost loved ones:

Bedford Motley '61 died October 1. He was born in Danville,VA, and later in life ministered and lived in Tennessee for a number of years. He was buried in his home state of Virginia. Sympathy is expressed to his wife of 50 years, Glenda, and all the family.

Nellie Stotesberry Knight ex'58 of Sunbury, NC, died October 30. She was born May 6, 1927, in Beaufort County, the daughter of the late Carl Stotesberry and Katie Paul Stotesberry. Mrs. Nellie was a homemaker and member of Belvidere Ryland Church of Christ. Throughout her life she served alongside her husband, **Matthew '58**, in ministry.They have two children, Charlotte K. Clifton, and **Nancy K. Gaddy ex'71**.

Edgar Earles ex'56 died November 4. His wife, LaVern, wrote, "Ed was a huge influence in his community and his country. He loved his [fellow] alumni and he spoke often of the students he went to college with."

Betty Lindsley, known as "Miss Betty," died November 4. She had been in delicate health several years and had been especially ill for about a week before her passing. Miss Betty came to Elizabeth City about 14 years ago and worked as a campus housekeeper from 2000 to

2005. For a number of years she lived in a Presley Hall apartment and enjoyed friendship with students. She was a member of Towne South Church of Christ and attended as long as she was able. She is the mother of Maintenance Mechanic Rich Lindsley.

Other News'n'Notes

OfficeMax of Elizabeth City presented **Kathy Christian Masters '75** over \$1,000 worth of classroom supplies. Kathy is a third grade teacher at J.C. Sawyer school in Elizabeth City, where she has served over 20 years. She was nominated for the honor by school principal Chris Paultet, who cited her leadership among other teachers and selfless service to students.

Patsy Layne Hart '77 has been named Clayton County, Georgia's 2014 Teacher of the Year. After receiving her degree in Christian education from Mid-Atlantic, Patsy began teaching in Maryland in 1978. She earned her master's degree in early childhood education from the University of West Georgia. She is a third-grade teacher at Morrow Elementary School in Morrow, GA, where she has been teaching since 2007.

Linda Solly ex'85 has written a book, *Grannie's Extra, Extra Special Tea Party*, which is available on Amazon.com.

Stacey Stanley Elmes '89 has recently been appointed Director of Stokes County (North Carolina) Department of Social Services.

Yvonne Waters Howdyshe'll '90 is a contributing author in the newly published *Dare to Be a Difference Maker, Vol. 3*.

Ethel Staten '98, agency development coordinator at Food Bank of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, was featured in a recent newspaper article. Ethel has been with the food bank 11 years.

Aaron Bullock '99 recently graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with his master's degree in counseling.

Janet Conner '08 has completed her master's degree with Liberty University and is now a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

Robin Modlin '09 is an Employability Specialist with Bradford County Action in Towanda, PA.

received the Murphy scholarship award.

Amy Isler, a MACU sophomore from New Jersey, received the Mt. Holly Scholarship and the Jack A. Borland Scholarship. Amy enjoys the friendly atmosphere at MACU. Her program of study is elementary education. "I feel that I should be doing something involving children every semester, whether it is required in a class or not." She likes to volunteer in the community to help her learn about dealing with children but also to help her spread the news of God's love. "When you receive a scholarship to help you pay your way through college, it lifts a burden you might not have even realized was there yet." Amy is very thankful for her scholarships and for the experience of attending MACU.

Joanne Norris represented the Jennifer Norris Russell Scholarship. Joanne and her husband, Jerry,

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Mid-Atlantic Foundation News

Sandra Perkins, *Foundation Director*

THE MID-ATLANTIC FOUNDATION HELD ITS annual

banquet on October 17 in the Harold C. Turner Hall first floor lobby overlooking the Pasquotank River. The banquet provides an opportunity for scholarship donors to meet the students who received their scholarships. Guests enjoyed the beautiful scenery while meeting with students and donors. Thompson Hospitality sponsored the event by providing the meal at no cost.

The program was introduced by Ed Griffin, Foundation Board Vice Chairman. Emmett Murphy spoke about the Marshall and Viola Murphy Memorial Scholarship. The Murphy family established

the scholarship in memory of their parents, who set the example of living a Christian life. Marshall and Viola (Dot) valued the Word of God and the church. They often invited evangelists and preachers into their home. Emmett stated, "This man that grew up never reading a book saw six of his seven children go to Bible college, three of his sons and one grandson ordained into the ministry, and several of his grandchildren go to Bible college and two of them marry ministers. And that would not have been possible without the scholarships established by others that helped us." He challenged the audience to give back so that others can learn. Emmett, and his wife, Dolores, dined with Wendy Ward, the student who

started the fund in 2004 in honor of their daughter, Jennifer Norris Russell, who attended MACU in 1984. Mrs. Norris told the story about how Jennifer had written an article published in Insight, a recruitment department publication. Jennifer wrote about why she chose to come to a college with a Christian atmosphere and how Garrett "Pop" Lewis had encouraged her. Jennifer stated, "The best thing about being here (MACU) is knowing that each and every day I'm learning to better myself, and I'm preparing for a worthwhile future." Joanne and Jerry get great satisfaction from helping young people realize their dreams, fulfill ambitions, and prepare for a very worthwhile future. Freshman Sarah Bowles received the Russell Scholarship this year and dined with Joanne and Jerry Norris at the banquet.

Aaron Stokes, a senior student in the Youth and

Family Ministry program, spoke about why he chose to come to a Bible college. He had always desired to become a minister and was inspired by watching his father and grandfather serve as elders in the church. His only uncertainty was how to pay for college. Aaron enrolled at MACU and trusted God to provide. He hoped to achieve good grades and possibly receive financial scholarships. Indeed, Aaron achieved even more than he hoped for. Speaking to the audience of donors, Aaron said, "Through your financial gifts, each and every student has the ability to obtain a Christian education that will last a lifetime." He went on to talk about celebrating one of the greatest aspects of being a Christian – giving. Aaron gratefully received the Ted R. Clifton Scholarship this fall.



Speakers at the Foundation banquet: Joanne Norris, Amy Isler, Emmett Murphy, and Aaron Stokes

For more information about the Mid-Atlantic Foundation please contact Director Sandra Perkins at 252.334.2003 or by email at sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu. To make a contribution to the Foundation, please mark your gift "Foundation."

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