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# Thinking Globally...

THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE IS TWENTY YEARS AGO.  
THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW. [CHINESE PROVERB]

RECENTLY A FRIEND REMINDED ME of this axiom. This truism speaks to the benefits of intentionality and that all choices have consequences. At Mid-Atlantic we are focused on our preferred future. We have a concept of what we would like to be by the year 2020. Everything we do is measured against a plan we call Vision 2020.


At the center of Vision 2020 is the reality that at Mid-Atlantic we think globally. It is good that your President, faculty, staff, students, trustees, and directors visit our alumni that serve in 25 different countries. Our alumni are doing a great work in both the marketplace and the church. Some were international students who came to America to study at Mid-Atlantic; some are Americans who heard the call to service and have chosen to live and serve on foreign soil.

We congratulate one of our alumni who serves in India. Dr. Ajai Lal has been named President of the World Convention. The next gathering of the World Convention will be in New Delhi, India in 2017. Please begin making plans now to join me at this historic gathering of the Stone-Campbell Movement (<http://www.worldconvention.org/blog/2014/04/11/on-to-india/>.)

Thinking globally is the focus of our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) during our reaffirmation process with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Cross-cultural studies are at the heart of who we are at MACU! Understanding different cultures is paramount to our influencing the culture for Christ in both the

marketplace and the church. I am very proud of our professors and staff as they are working hard on our five-year QEP to improve student learning outcomes with a focus on cultural awareness. We ask for your prayers as we walk through our reaffirmation with SACSCOC.

Vision 2020 is keeping us focused today on the future of Mid-Atlantic. Today we are educating men and women to serve. Today we are educating ordinary people who will be extraordinary Christian leaders. Mid-Atlantic alumni already serve in 46 states, one territory, and 25 countries. Our family tree is diverse. We do not all look alike. We do not even speak the same language. But we are united under the Tree of Life, firmly rooted in Christ.

Thanks for being a part of a global mission. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. We are empowered by your prayers. We are enabled by your gifts. 



Serving those who serve  
around the globe,

*Clay*

D. Clay Perkins, Ph.D. • President

*On May 2 President Perkins was named Alumnus of the Year by the School of Business and Leadership of Regent University. This award recognizes individuals who have gained "unique distinction through their accomplishments and have brought positive change to the world through Christian leadership," according to Dr. Doris Gomez, Interim Dean of the School of Business and Leadership.*

## THE WORLD IN OUR BACKYARD


### ICOM 2015 Comes to Richmond

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS (ICOM) will be in Richmond, VA, in 2015: Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Churches in Virginia and other nearby states are at work now to generate participation in this event that has turned the hearts of thousands toward mission service and encourages those who labor far from their native land.

In preparation for ICOM 2015, men from

ICOM, Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship (VEF), and MACU traveled about 1,200 miles April 22-25 to talk with representatives from 86 churches. Events were held in Chesapeake, Hampton, Richmond, Mechanicsville, Fredericksburg, Springfield, Winchester, Fishersville, Roanoke, Wytheville, Danville, and Gasburg, VA, and El Loro, MD.

Dave Empson, Executive Director of ICOM; Jim

Tune, Executive Director of Impact Canada and President of ICOM 2015; Dave Hileman, Executive Director of VEF and a MACU Trustee, as well as Tim Cole and Harry Gill, also of VEF; President Perkins and VP/Institutional Advancement John Maurice were the members of the ICOM Tour team. For more information, see <http://icomvirginia.com>. 

## Thinking Globally: MACU's QEP

Dr. Kevin Larsen, VP/Academic Affairs,  
Director of Institutional Effectiveness

IN TODAY'S MEDIA WE HEAR terms like "globalization," "flat world," and "cultural awareness." We hear these terms because of developments in technology (e.g., the internet), urbanization, and immigration, which provide greater opportunities to interact with people who are "different" from us.

Not only does our changing society necessitate a cultural awareness, but the imperatives of the Christian life also require that we be culturally aware. The Apostle Paul wrote, "I have become all things to all men so that I might win some." Since the founding of the school we have been global at heart. We have graduates in 25 countries. Faculty, staff, and students have taken numerous short-term missions trips. We have a major and minor in cross-cultural ministry.

Such experiences are not just international. All of us have cross-cultural experiences every day as we live and work in our various locations in the United States. The desire to better equip MACU students to navigate the culturally diverse world in which we all now live is the reason we chose Thinking Globally as the topic for the university's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).


Mid-Atlantic Christian University is in its reaffirmation of accreditation stage with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. As part of the reaffirmation process we have to create a QEP. QEPs must relate to the mission of the school, involve all constituencies, emerge from institutional assessment and strategic planning, and




Dr. Kevin Larsen has been thinking and teaching globally for years (pictured with students studying the New Testament, Austria, 2009).

focus on student learning. "Thinking Globally" fits our mission and practice as well as the qualities of a QEP.

- As students learn to Think Globally, they will
- analyze their own and others' cultures in light of a Christian worldview.
  - use their knowledge of cultural differences to navigate intercultural experiences.
  - demonstrate an active interest in other cultures.
  - suspend premature value judgments when interacting cross-culturally.

Over the course of the next two years minor modifications will be made to some of the curriculum, more opportunities will be created for cross-cultural experiences, and special speakers will be brought more frequently to campus. Along with a host of other activities, these efforts will increase our sensitivities to cultural differences as we seek to be better Kingdom workers in our multicultural world. 

*Emotional Intelligence part. It was very interesting to see how much something as little as a non-verbal gesture can either make or break an employee or follower in an organization. Often times the business stigma is the cold [famous name]-like boss who is only interested in profits. I knew this wasn't the case (definitely not in God's plan), but I didn't realize just how much my actions affect someone's emotions. I know now that when I am at work that I need to watch what I say and how I say things to my fellow workers and treat them with respect. I need to view my work area as the mission field and need to know how I can have Christ-like social interactions with my co-workers.*

This is what it's all about: knowledge applied to life so that **ordinary people are transformed into extraordinary Christian leaders.** 



Dr. Greg Waddell  
Director of Online Education

DIRECTOR OF ONLINE  
EDUCATION DR. Greg Waddell

has the opportunity to work with

students who may be living on the other side of the street or the other side of the world. He considered submitting statistics and other quantitative data to report on the university's online programs. But he chose instead to share a comment from a student who took the online Organizational Behavior course. The student wrote:

*I have learned so much during this course! One of the things that I really enjoyed learning was the*



Senior Jacob Smith dines with his host missionaries, David and Lynn Poling, and friends in Hong Kong.

## Serving, Working Cross-culturally This Summer

DR. KEVIN LARSEN WILL BE visiting Christians around the world in June – friends in Moldova and alumni in southeastern Europe and Asia. Student Life Director Andrea Strawdeman and Enrollment Director Dan Smith will lead a team of MACU students, parents and prospective students on a July mission trip to Haiti. Numerous other students are involved in short-term trips.

Dr. Lee Fields will be traveling to South Asia with a team that includes Dr. Cheryl Luton and her husband, Dr. John Luton. Dr. Fields will be there two weeks; the Lutons and other team members, four. They will be training six teams of national Bible translators, each representing a different language, some with no alphabet. Dr. Fields' job is to teach exegesis, Greek tools, and Hebrew tools/Logos. Dr. Cheryl Luton is working with them on English skills because the translators need to be able to use resources in English. Dr. John Luton is a translation consultant. The goal for the four-week trip is that each team will produce a translation of First and Second Thessalonians.

Among students serving overseas this summer are Lauren Witherspoon, a student summer team member for Enrollment, who will travel to Mexico in July to participate in a mission outreach and service project. Senior Jacob Smith is serving a summer internship in Hong Kong teaching English; Senior Zach Tanner, in Ghana with Attah Osebreh '13; Junior Paige Colditz in Costa Rica.

Please pray for these cross-cultural endeavors that seek to expand the kingdom and to teach others to serve in new ways. 



Senior Zach Tanner plays basketball with youth in Ghana





## WOOLARD NAMED TEACHER OF THE YEAR, Honored for 40 Years of Teaching

PERHAPS SOME TEACHERS FEEL BURNED out around

the 25th or 30th year of service. Mid-Atlantic's Teacher of the Year, Professor Ronnie J. Woolard, has just completed his 40th year on the faculty of Mid-Atlantic Christian University and shows no – or at least very few – signs of stopping. He remains relevant and vibrant in the classroom.

Ronnie Jay Woolard is an Eastern North Carolina native, having been born and reared in Washington, NC. Long before he was a professor at Mid-Atlantic, or even a student, he loved the school and the professors. He grew up in a church with the school's founding president, George BonDurant, as his preacher and attended Camp Roanoke.

Following high school, where he excelled in leadership, academics, and athletics, he entered

*"He displays great passion for what he teaches, and he shows his love for Christ as well. He genuinely cares about each and every student. He has compassion for us and wants us to succeed. He has a gift for teaching. Students are always sad when they no longer have to take his classes. He makes an effort to try to get to know all of us as students. His interaction with us goes far beyond the classroom. He is one of the greatest men of God I have ever met."*

Mid-Atlantic to prepare for a life in ministry. His ministry has taken the form of teaching others who will then preach and serve others. He is a Mid-Atlantic graduate and furthered his education with an MA in Old Testament and an MDiv in Theology.

In addition to his academic load, Ronnie has served MACU in a number of support capacities, including sponsoring classes, coaching drama, and printing. He has also been involved in cross-cultural work, teaching in India, serving on the Board of Central India Christian Mission, and teaching in Venezuela where his daughter served as a missionary.

Ronnie and his family have been actively involved in the local church, conducting workshops and extension classes in churches in North Carolina and Virginia. He preached for Bethlehem Church of Christ, Hertford, NC, for ten years. In September of 1988, in partnership with several others, he led in the establishment of Towne South Church of Christ where he served as senior minister until 2004.

He and his wife, Trish '71, have two children and one grandchild. When not working at the college or the church, Ronnie enjoys sports, working on his house, and participating in Civil War reenactments.

Congratulations, Professor Woolard!

*"As an adult learner I respect his passion for God's Word, his ministry in teaching God's word, the mission of what MACU is all about, and the passion for imparting into the lives of his students."*



*"I believe Professor Woolard was chosen for this honor because he is a man after God's own heart."*

## Cross-Cultural Ministry Professor Publishes New Book

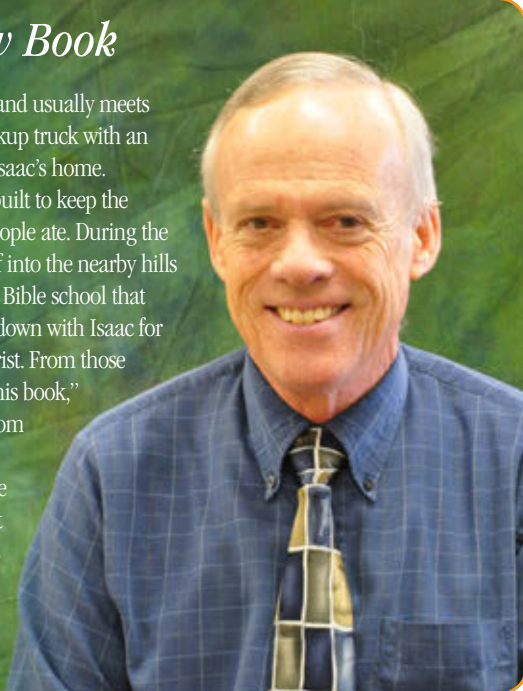
WHO NEEDS A MISSIONARY? HOW THE GOSPEL CAN WORK ALL BY ITSELF is the title of Dr. Robert Reese's new book, now on sale at [wipfandstock.com](http://wipfandstock.com) and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). It describes the life of an effective African evangelist with whom he worked for the past 33 years. Dr. Reese said, "We got to know Isaac Ndendela when he was just moving toward conversion to Christ in 1981 and watched him mature into an evangelist, church leader, and church planter. Yet he had only a first grade education and came from the remotest part of Zimbabwe." Dr. Reese further noted, "Of all our converts, he was one of the most productive, and when we returned to the USA in 2002, I began to think about documenting his journey in Christ. For that I would need not only to consult my personal diaries, but also to get his side of the story."

Of course, that was easier said than done, since Isaac has been serving the Lord in his home area in Zimbabwe since 1987, while Dr. Reese now lives in the USA. Each summer

he travels to Zimbabwe for a few weeks and usually meets with Isaac. Then in 2010, he hired a pickup truck with an eighteen-year-old driver to take him to Isaac's home.

"We slept in small tents near a shed built to keep the midday sun off, eating what the local people ate. During the day, my teenage driver would wander off into the nearby hills with local boys, while I participated in a Bible school that met under the shed. Each evening I sat down with Isaac for a long conversation about his life in Christ. From those extensive interviews came the heart of this book," Dr. Reese said. The story follows Isaac from his conversion, to the training he got as an evangelist, to his heart for sharing the gospel with his own people even at great personal cost. Each chapter summarizes the lessons learned from the life of this amazing servant of God.

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## Biblical World Expo 2014

Dr. Bob Smith, *Professor of Bible and History*

HOW MUCH WAS AN OLD Testament shekel and how much did Goliath's armor weigh? What did people of the Biblical world find aesthetically pleasing in music, dance and poetry? Where do you go to find out how the Samaritan woman drew water from Jacob's 120 foot deep well? Was the Samaritan's treatment of the man mugged on the Jericho road beneficial? Students in Biblical Backgrounds presented their projects at the fifth Biblical World Exposition on April 30. At this annual event, first year biblical studies students share their discoveries regarding scriptural passages and subjects with the student body.

This year's projects saw a number of former topics such as unleavened bread, priestly perfume and mud bricks revisited. New topics included "An Easy Yoke" (Mt. 11:30) and the "Stairs of Ahaz" (2 Kings 20:11). Diana Bourne's project on the Passover Meal (Ex. 12) was the recipient of the Students' Choice Award, and Courtney Leazer's project on the hand mill (Mt. 24:41) won the Professors' Choice Award.



*Niles Forsythe checks to see if Alexis Royals has succeeded in masking the smell of death with Biblical spices and perfumes.*

Junior Tiffany Kriss commented, "This is so much fun each year. Students who skip the expo miss out on a treat." When asked about the expo, Dr. Cheryl Luton observed, "This is a great learning activity. It appeals to a variety of learning styles."



*Thomas Maclin displays the garb of the High Priest.*



*Abby Gray explains the use of seals.*

## SUPPORTING BIBLICAL EDUCATION

### A Lasting Impact

Sandra Perkins, *Foundation Director*



THE MID-ATLANTIC FOUNDATION IS A great way to make your financial gift work for years everlasting! Gifts to the Foundation are held in perpetuity. The funds are pooled and invested to create earnings that provide the annual awards for scholarships.

WHY should you give to the Foundation? As the cost of higher education continues to rise, MACU students will need more and more scholarships to help them pay for their education.

The Foundation also holds funds designed to help defray the costs of operations, the library,

faculty enrichment and more. This year a new fund was created – CICM Sister School Fund: Legacy Berea Church of Christ – to help sustain the sister school relationship MACU has with CICM to help us continue to impact the world through the education of Christian leaders in India.

Vision 2020 calls for \$10 million in Foundation assets by the year 2020. We ask you to join others who are choosing to make "everlasting gifts" that will help us meet this goal. To give to the Foundation, simply mark your gift "Foundation." To start a new named fund, contact Sandra Perkins, Foundation Director, by phone at 252-332-2003 or by email at [sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu](mailto:sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu).

**Mid-Atlantic**  
FOUNDATION

## Big Changes in Testing for Teacher Candidates



Dr. Cheryl Luton  
*Director of Elementary Education*  
BEGINNING THIS SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL be major changes in current teacher candidate

testing. Educational Testing Service (ETS) will continue to administer a test that serves as a gateway to teacher education programs. The old test, Praxis I, will not be available after July 31, 2014. In its place will be the Core Academic Skills Test, which will be administered beginning September 1, 2014. For more information, go to ETS Praxis Bulletin ([http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis\\_information\\_bulletin.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/praxis_information_bulletin.pdf)). The North Carolina teacher licensure exam, formerly known as Praxis II, will now be administered through Pearson. These tests are now known as the Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum Tests for North Carolina. For more information about the Pearson tests, go to NC Teacher Licensure (<http://www.nc.nesinc.com/>). MACU was approved as a Pearson testing lab for teacher licensure and professional credentialing exams in April.



Dr. Jack Cottrell Awarded Honorary Doctorate

DR. JACK COTTRELL DELIVERED THE commencement address to those receiving degrees May 10 and was himself awarded one by MACU: Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa.

MACU chooses to recognize and honor individuals of extraordinary achievement and distinguished service. Dr. Cottrell has demonstrated superior leadership in the Stone-Campbell movement in the fields of theology and ethics. His teaching, positive example, and selfless spirit of service have contributed significantly to improving the world, the Church, and Biblical higher education.

A premier Biblical scholar, Dr. Cottrell received undergraduate degrees from Cincinnati Christian University and the University of Cincinnati. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

It was a pleasure to welcome Dr. Cottrell back to the MACU campus and present him this well-earned honorary doctorate. Dr. Cottrell has taught thousands

of students during his 47 years of teaching at Cincinnati Christian University. He has authored more than 20 books on Christian theology and doctrine. Cottrell is a regular speaker at regional and national conferences and is a regular contributor to academic journals and Restoration Movement publications such as *Christian Standard* and *Lookout*.

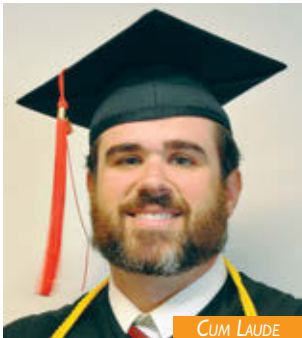
Mid-Atlantic Christian University has been strongly influenced by the teaching and writing of Dr. Cottrell. His extensive ministry has enriched the lives and knowledge of students around the globe, including many at Mid-Atlantic. Every professor in the Bible Theology Department was instructed by Dr. Cottrell while they were seminary



President Perkins and Gene Langley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, flank Dr. Cottrell. They presented his honorary doctorate degree to him during commencement.

students. Since 2003 his book *The Faith Once For All* (Joplin: College Press, 2002) has been used as a textbook for the Biblical Doctrines course. Well done, Dr. Cottrell!

Class of 2014  
School of Undergraduate Studies:



**Christopher B. Cherry**  
BS/General Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Kathryn Hackett**  
BS/Cross Cultural Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Jeffrey P. LaNunziata**  
BA/Cross Cultural Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Brandon L. Lewis**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition, Counseling



**Brittany N. Meinsen**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry, Biblical  
Exposition, Cross Cultural Ministry  
**Certificate:** Family Life Education



**Ashley E. Rose**  
BS/Counseling & Psychology,  
Biblical Studies



**Amanda L. Steiner**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry, Biblical  
Exposition, Counseling & Psychology



**Aaron M. Stokes**  
BS/Youth & Family Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition



**Mary Catherine E. Webb**  
BS/Counseling & Psychology,  
Biblical Studies



**Donald J. Waltz**  
AA/Biblical Studies



**Michael S. Moulden**  
AA/Biblical Studies

Class of 2014: “Say ‘Yes’ to the Bible”

“SAY ‘YES’ TO THE BIBLE” was commencement speaker Dr. Jack Cottrell’s challenge at the ceremony May 10. Cottrell, longtime professor at Cincinnati Christian University, also received a degree during the ceremony, Mid-Atlantic’s honorary Doctor of Divinity degree (see adjoining article). Graduate Brandon Lewis delivered the

valedictory address; Ashley Rose was salutarian.

Honors and recognitions included service longevity awards: Trustee Dr. Larry Cooper, 5 years; Adjunct Professor Dr. Gene Andrews, 10 semesters of teaching; Administrative Assistant/Academic Affairs Charlea Cornode and Housekeeping Supervisor Lori White,

10 years; Assistant Library Director Alice Andrews, 25 years; Professor of Old Testament Ronnie Woolard, 40 years (see article).

Juniors Tiffany J. Kriss and Ron E. Lawrence earned the rank of first marshal and second marshal, respectively.



2014 HONORS CHAPEL AWARDS

**Christian Service Recognition for Community Service:** Paige Roberson, Kayla Thomas

**Discipleship Group Christian Leadership:** Brittany Meinsen, Amanda Steiner

**Exemplary Christian Character in Residence Hall:** Charles “Chip” Mabe, Amanda Steiner

**Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges:** Chris Cherry, Brandon Lewis, Brittany Meinsen, Aaron Stokes

**Counseling and Psychology:** Katie Webb

**Youth and Family Ministry:** Brandon Lewis

**MACU-Zondervan Theology Award:** Brandon Lewis

**The Stone-Campbell Journal Promising Scholar Award (Biblical Studies):** Chris Cherry

GRADUATION HONOR CORDS:

**Associates degree Honors**  
(cumulative GPA 3.5-4.0): Michael Moulden

**Baccalaureate degrees Cum Laude** (cumulative GPA 3.5-3.69): Chris Cherry, Craig Layfield

**Baccalaureate degrees Magna Cum Laude** (cumulative GPA 3.7-3.89): Brandon Lewis, Ashley Rose

DEAN’S LIST  
Spring 2014

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 (\*).

Sarah Ann Bowles

Kirsten Leah Davenport

Stephanie Leigh Empson

Caitlin Dawn Goss\*

Travis Cyntell Hunter

Amy Lynn Isler

James Richard Knight\*

Tiffany Jeannette Kriss\*

Ronald Eugene Lawrence\*

Courtney A. Leazer

Brandon L. Lewis\*

Sarah Morgan Lunceford

Mark Alexander Mann, Jr.\*

Edmond Ray Matthews

Michael Scott Moulden

Samantha Paige Roberson

Jacob T. Smith

Wendy Jo Ward\*

Emily Lauren Whitten

Rebecca Kaitlyn Woodard

School of Professional Studies:



**Rachel L. Hayes**  
BS/Christian Ministry, Biblical Studies

2014 graduates whose degrees were conferred previously:

**Meredith E. Glover**  
BS/Organizational Leadership,  
Biblical Studies

**Christopher D. Matchem**  
BS/Preaching Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition

**Donald James A. Maxey**  
BS/General Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition

**Erin A. Miller**  
BS/General Ministry,  
Biblical Exposition

**Clinton D. Brothers**  
AA/Biblical Studies

Degree granted in absentia:

**Craig D. Layfield**   
BA/Applied Linguistics, Biblical Studies




STUDENT ATHLETES HONORED



Joe Hill, Joey Craft, Paige Roberson

ATHLETES, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS congratulated those receiving awards Mar. 28 at the annual athletic awards banquet. Recognitions included retiring players, most improved, and others. Top honors went to the following: Joe Hill (men's basketball) – Highest GPA, Rebounding Leader, Highest Field Goal Percentage; Joey Craft (men's basketball – Mustang on Mission, Christian Character); Paige "Nook" Roberson (women's volleyball) – Mustang Pride Award, Highest GPA, Most Valuable Player, Most Kills/Blocks, Most Service Aces, Most Digs.

The Mustang on Mission Award goes to the student athlete that represents the servant spirit of MACU and best lives out the call from Jesus Himself when He said in Matthew 20:28, *"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."*

The Mustang Pride Award goes to the student athlete that best represents MACU as a leader in the community, classroom, on campus, and on the court. The winner represents well the heart of what Mid-Atlantic Christian University is all about. 

Other Awards/Honors:

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Captains: Sarah Bowles, Paige Roberson  
Most service aces: Sarah Bowles

Most improved: Morgan Nayadley

Coach's award: Ashley Brown

Christian character: Britney Walther

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Captains: Brittany Harrison, LaCresha Young

Scoring leader (ppg), Assist leader (apg),

Highest FT%: LaCresha Young

Rebounding leader (rpg), Highest

FG%: Brittany Harrison

Highest 3-point%, Defensive player, Most valuable

player of the year: Benita "Quan" Boyd

Most improved: Harley Grice

Highest GPA: Amy Isler

Christian character: Jessica Troxell

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Captains: Niles Forsythe, Questen Ragin

Scoring leader (ppg), Highest 3-point%, Most valuable player of the year: Michael Anderson

Assist leader (apg): Questen Ragin

Highest FT%: David Barron

Most improved: Perry Wood

Defensive player of the year: Niles Forsythe

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mustang Pride Award: Wayne Thurber

Mustang on Mission Award: Brittany Harrison

MUSTANG NATION

Visit [www.gomacumustangs.com](http://www.gomacumustangs.com) to keep track of sports events with up-to-date articles, team pages, schedules, and rosters.

Find recruiting opportunities and upcoming sports camps, as well.

You can also find MACU Mustangs Gear in our online team store.

Fund Raiser For Foundation



The 2014 MACU Bike Rally and Charity Ride benefits a student scholarship in the Foundation. Join us September 6 at the campus to participate in a motorcycle rally that continues to be a blessing to riders. Online registration at [macuniversity.edu](http://macuniversity.edu) will be available in mid-June. Early registrants may select a t-shirt size in the registration information. Pete Kunkle, minister at First Christian Church Ministries in Kernersville, NC, will be speaking. Continental breakfast provided for early arrivers; lunch provided after the ride.

This year the name of the ride is changed to the "DQ and Bob Morton Memorial Ride." DQ Roberts ministered to the biker community for more than 20 years and shared with churches the need for witnessing to bikers. He participated in several MACU rides before his death in 2013. The ride was named the Bob Morton Memorial Ride in 2011 to honor Bob's contribution to the MACU ride and biker ministry. Both men have impacted the mission of spreading Christ to the biker culture.

Summer Teams in Eight States

SUMMER TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE busy in representing the school, serving others, and recruiting students from New York to Ohio to Florida. Team members will represent MACU at 12 CIY events in Tennessee, Maryland, and Florida. They will also be attending two CIY - MIX events for middle school students as well as CIY's Engage, a service project week for both high school and middle school students. Please pray for the four students who will be assisting CIY in staffing these events that they will model Christ at every moment. Pray, too, for their stamina and protection as they travel.


Five summer team members will staff 15 weeks of camp for high school and middle school camps in North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York: Roanoke Christian Camp, Tri-State, Camp Rudolph, Catskill Christian Assembly, Mountain View Christian Camp, Park Springs, Sylvan Hills, and



Elkhorn Valley Christian Camp. Pray for these five as they travel and interact daily with students at camp. Enrollment Director Dan Smith said, "Every year our summer teams return with stories and firsthand accounts of true spiritual growth and amazing baptisms that take place while your sons and daughters are at camp."

Senior Josh Bueno and 2014 graduate Brittany

Summer Team Members. Front: Wyatt Stanton, Morgan Nayadley, Diana Bourne, Lauren Witherspoon, Emily Whitten. Back: Taylor Hollomon, Michaela Hunt, Kristen Davenport, Chip Mabe.


Meinsen will represent MACU at the NACC and Bible Bowl. Please pray for them as they encourage Bible Bowl participants and help to staff the university's booth at NACC. 

MACU "Business Partner of the Year"

MID-ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY WAS SELECTED as Business Partner of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year by the Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools. MACU was nominated by Pasquotank Elementary School for outstanding service to the Elizabeth City schools during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 20. The school organized a successful day of service using more than 130 volunteers who painted, shoveled, raked, cleaned, sanded, glued and weeded 12 sites around Elizabeth City generating 1,041 hours of labor valued at \$7,547.00.

In all, 38 gallons of paint were applied, and over

150 lawn-sized trash bags were stuffed with leaves and yard waste. Volunteers washed over 87 large windows at one elementary school and planted nearly 50 tulips at Elizabeth City Middle School. In addition to MACU staff and faculty, students from College of the Albemarle and Elizabeth City State University participated. Additional support was coordinated from the North Carolina Agricultural Extension office and the 4H Club. Many local stores provided significant discounts on paint and supplies.

MACU is grateful to be part of a caring and generous community and is honored to be the recipient of the Business Partner of the Year award. 



Day of Service in local schools



DATES & EVENTS

- Aug. 11-15 Fall Intensives
- Aug. 15-17 New Student Orientation
- Aug. 18 Classes Begin, 5 pm
- Aug. 19 Convocation Chapel, 9:30 am
- Aug. 24 Sunday Night Live
- Sept. 6 Bike Rally & Charity Ride
- Sept. 24 Grandparents Day
- Sept. 26 Royal Tailor Concert
- Sept. 26-28 College Preview Weekend
- Sept. 29-Oct. 3 Midterm Exams
- Oct. 4-11 Alumni & Friends Cruise
- Oct. 6-10 Fall Break
- Oct. 16 Foundation Banquet
- Oct. 16 Foundation Board Meeting
- Oct. 16, 17 Trustees Meeting
- Nov. 2 Sunday Night Live
- Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 8-12 Final Exams

SEMESTER BREAK

- Jan. 10, 11 New Student Orientation
- Jan. 12 Classes Begin, 5 pm
- Jan. 18 Sunday Night Live
- Jan. 19 MLK Day of Service
- Mar. 18-20 MACU Rally
- Mar. 20-22 Spring Open House

MUSTANG MEN BATTLE VMI KEYDETS • Tuesday, Dec. 2 in Cameron Hall (Lexington, VA)



New Ministries & Service

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor **Phillip Alligood '64** is serving as an interim preacher for Berea Church of Christ, Hertford, NC.

**Marty Alligood '71** has been called to preach for Pinetown Church of Christ, Washington, NC.

**Ken '85** and **Linda ex'85 Solly** have started a nonprofit for people who are ex-addicts and ex-cons in Butler County, OH.

**Raffael '87** and **Beth Fritz '87 Farrow** are now serving with Open Door Christian Ministries in Creswell, NC, in public relations.

**Phillip Paul '88** is preaching for Tranters Creek Church of Christ, Washington, NC.

**Caprice Jones Hairston '92** has been hired as the Christian Education Director at Washington Shores Church of Christ, Orlando, FL.

**Rick Messer '96** is the new minister with New Hope Christian Church in Nokomis, FL.

**Chris Thornton '96** is Student Minister for Middle School-College Age at First Christian Church, Meadville, PA.

**Vince Rodkey '02** is Lead Follower at Avalon Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, VA.

**Conley Stephenson '03** is preaching for Museville Christian Church, Museville, VA.

**Daniel Quidgeon '05** is now serving Beechwood Christian Church in Alliance, OH, as youth minister.

**Phillip Jones '11** is ministering with Highland Springs Church of Christ in Highland Springs, VA.

**Ray '13** and **Shannon ex'12 Luyk** are serving the Paseo Verde Christian Church in Peoria, AZ, as Senior Minister and worship leader, respectively.

Births

**Frank '06** and **Gloria Johnson:** Travis Kamali, Jan. 14

**Jordan '07** and **Becky Clark:** Emaline Grace, Jan. 14

**Seniors Bryan and Danika Cooper:** Eowyn Siobhan, Jan. 20

**David '03** and **Jennifer Kemp '03 Van Buskirk:** Zachary Page, Jan. 21

**Adam ex'06** and **Laura Gross '08 McManus:** Brightlyn Michelle, Feb. 6

**Nick '08** and **Kelli Shanahan '11 Alexander:** William Joseph, Feb. 24

**Steve '12** and **Andrea Simmons:** Zane Andrew, Mar: 8

**Cody ex'11** and **Ashley Baker ex'11 Brinkley:** Lawson Cody, Apr: 24

**Jared ex'14** and **Kelli Macqueen '13 Wice:** Aletheia Carolina, May 4

Steven and **Kristen Marsh Willmarth ex'03:** Finnegan Stewart, May 5

**Kyle '05** and **Kendal Lean '06 Hayden:** Oakley Clark, May 5

**Lee ex'13** and **Catherine Lamm ex'13 Bolinsky:** James Lee, May 14

Weddings

**Phil Thomas ex'06** and Kourtney Lewis, Mar: 9

**Ben Starkey '04** and Gwen Tietgen, Mar: 29

Quintin Bruce-Ross and **Earlyne Williams ex'08,** Apr: 6

**Kevin McNeil '13** and Maiah Johnson, May 17

**Senior Adam Crawford** and Megan Phillips, May 17

Ordinations

**Aaron Stokes '14** at Haw Branch Church of Christ, Chocowinity, NC, April 27

Other News'n'Notes

**Walter Schwitzerlett '72** was awarded the "Encourager of the Year" award this year at the Barnabas Ministries annual meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN. The award is given to someone who displays the character of Barnabas in the book of Acts.

**Amanda Brandon Bromm '11** received a master's degree in marriage, family, and

human development/human services from Liberty University on May 10.

On May 10 **Phillip Jones '11** received his master of divinity degree from the Virginia Union University Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology.

**Joshua Rose '11**, stationed in California, graduated May 8 with a linguist diploma from an elite language school, an AA degree in Chinese language and culture, a certificate of achievement for exceeding the standard, and the MOVSM Award for volunteer service.

Notes of Sympathy

**David Jones ex'96**, who died peacefully at home in Camden, NC, on Jan. 16 after an extended illness. He leaves behind his wife Francesca, four children, and five grandchildren.

**Jack Jarvis ex'76**, who died Mar: 26 in Greenville, NC. He leaves behind two daughters.

**Jennifer Adams Lehmann '74**, who died Apr. 13 at her home in Monticello, IL. She worked for the University of Illinois for 29 years as a network analyst. She leaves behind her husband Lee, four children, and six grandchildren.

**Guy Whitley '58**, of Bath, NC, who died May 15. He was a missionary to Jamaica from 1958 to 1975. In addition to his evangelistic work, he was retired from Lee Tractor Co., and was the former owner of several businesses. He leaves behind his wife Grace, a stepson, and a grandson.

GENERAL FUND

**Ben and Peggy Allen (Honor)** by James and Sharon Caldwell

**Gerald Dye (Memory)** by Gladys Myers-Dye

**Hazel Helms (Memory)** by Linda Reynolds

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

**Thomas W. Leggett (Memory)** by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Fraser

**Garrett and Melissa Lewis (Honor)** by Lois G. Jordan

**Keith and Pat Lewis, Brenda Simpson (Honor)** by Marshall Simpson

**Donna Shaut (Memory)** by the Perry Family and Deborah Mills

**Edward Spencer (Memory)** by Beverly D. Spencer

**Ronnie Woolard (Honor)** by Thomas Woodward, Jr.

**Frankie DeWald, Laura B. Krantz, Estelle A. Murray, Pearl Presley (Memory):** Wanda Ashley, Judy Dees, Greg Hand, Beth S. Helsabeck, Connie Herndon, David A. Jones, Deidra Mason, John and Sherry Maurice, MACU Staff and Faculty, Rachel A. Pearson, Becky G. Powell, Debbie P. Yacenda (Honor) by Rebecca C. Jones

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**Don Baker and J. Michael Thornton (Memory)** by M/M Dale Kendrick

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**Florence Fritz/Flint (Memory)** by Denis Fritz

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**W. O. and Lucretia Henderson (Memory)** by James Henderson

**Bud Larsen (Memory)** by Tina Larsen

**Rich and Cheryl Lindsley (Honor)** by David and Kathy Taylor

**Ed Lipscombe (Memory), Virginia Lipscombe Smith (Honor)** by Keith, Martha, and Austin Anderson

**Ed Lipscombe (Memory)** by Virginia Lipscombe Smith

**Frances Mills (Memory)** by Jere Richards

**Bedford A. Motley, Jr. (Memory)** by Reidsville Christian Church

**Marshall and Viola Murphy (Memory)** by Wayne and Diane Murphy

**Henry Clay Owney (Memory)** by Barbara Owney

**Dr. and Mrs. Clay Perkins (Honor)** by Tony Perkins

**Jennifer Russell (Honor)** by Jerry Norris

**Johnny and Helen Scott (Honor)** by Mary Reid

**J. T. and Addie Segroves (Memory)** by George BonDurant, Jaranell Fritts, Jonita Shoaft

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

**Wayne Trueblood (Memory)** by M/M Rich Lindsley, D/M Clay Perkins

**Harley "Tom" Wood (Memory)** by Ruth Wood

**Sarah P. BonDurant, Al and Ann Clark, Grandpa and Grandma Cicco, Bobby Claus, Grandpa and Grandma Claus, Richard Collins, Wedo and Sadie Dulio, Lucy Griffin, Cora Jones, Betty Lindsley, Brenda Bell Moses, Henry Clay Owney, Pearl Presley, Jonathan Shipper,**

**Grandpa and Grandma Sowder, Paul Tucker, Nancy Vossmeier, Dianne Pierce-Tamplen (Memory);** Frank and Debbie Dodson, Deloris Gibbs, Aaron and Leah Grosjean, Craig and Barbie Hagen, Spencer and Allie Haskett, Steve Jackson, Liz Kretzer, Cheryl Luton, Antwonn Lynch, Randy and Kathy Masters, Chris and Bre Matchem, M/M Chris McCarthy, Ian McCarty, Erin Miller, Christian Mullis, Gay Murray, Attah and Jessica Osebreh, M/M Al Perry, Eric and Bree Pruitt, Brian and Hannah Paris, Troy and Myra Pollard, Elizabeth Sanchez, Joey Schools, Carrie Schwartz, Dr. & Mrs. Melvin Styons, Virgia Sutton, Jonathan Smoot, Greg Webb, Jared and Kelli Wice, David and Carol Whitten (Honor) by Rich and Cheryl Lindsley

MATCHING GIFTS

**Abbott Laboratories Fund** for Jean W. Bennett  
**Dominion Foundation** for Jerry Norris  
**Eaton Corporation** for Charlene A. Richards  
**Norfolk Southern Foundation** for Donna D. Fisher  
**Wells Fargo** for Danette McCracken

Berea Church of Christ Legacy

MACU FREQUENTLY RECEIVES REQUESTS FOR help, but one last year was different from most such requests and rather complex. Members of Berea Church of Christ in Vienna, VA, after an agonizing decision, determined that they could no longer continue to exist and that their best remaining service was to have a final worship service, sell their property, and distribute assets for proclaiming the gospel throughout the world. They had a long heritage of outreach to missionaries and organizations, so they compiled a list of missionary organizations and provided them with a legacy gift.


About 3,500 to 4,000 American churches close each year. We are sad when congregations have to close. We recognize that the Berea church provided a valuable ministry for many years. Berea also showed us that even though her "season" had passed, she could continue to influence the world for Christ. John 12:24 comes to mind: "unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.



But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Many seeds have been watered by the Berea church.

MACU is honored to have served Berea. After a series of discussions and some inquiry about the technicalities involved, Berea and MACU signed an agreement describing mutual responsibilities and actions. The parsonage has been sold and the proceeds distributed among 12 designated recipients. MACU and the Mid-Atlantic Foundation are among those recipients, and we are grateful. Disposition of

the primary church property will take longer because of the need for a buyer to obtain various approvals and permits. Assisting Berea is an extended project that is being managed by the Executive Assistant for Strategic Actions, Wyatt Colclasure.

Berea's final Celebration Service was held August 18, 2013 (all attending pictured above). Thank you Berea, for having a Kingdom vision and continuing your legacy through 12 mission organizations! 

SEGroves CHALLENGE CONTINUES

Thomas Joseph has challenged ECC alumni to put \$10,000 in the J.T. and Addie May Segroves Scholarship in the Foundation over a three-year period. Simply send your check noted "Segroves Challenge" written to the Foundation at 715. N. Poindexter St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909. The J. T. and Addie May Segroves Scholarship is awarded to a continuing qualified applicant residing in the Northeastern USA pursuing a B.A. in Preaching Ministry and demonstrating exceptional campus leadership.

Extravagant Generosity

by John W. Maurice, Vice President for Institutional Advancement


WE SERVE AN EXTRAVAGANT GOD. In fact, extravagant generosity began in the heart of God! In the context of Christian stewardship the Apostle Paul wrote: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." (2 Cor. 8:9). Doesn't God's extravagance toward us sound a lot like grace?

As followers of Christ whose lives have been transformed by His grace, we now live and give by grace. Giving becomes a privilege which produces joy! When we give by grace we give as much as we can to express our gratitude to God for His extravagant love.

Mid-Atlantic Christian University exists to train and educate students for service to this gracious and extravagant God who calls His people to transform

the world with the Gospel. We exist through the generous gifts people have provided as partners in ministry.

When I dream about MACU, I often ask: "What could God do through this university if we had no money concerns?" Every gift you provide to MACU is valued and valuable. We are empowered by your prayers; we are enabled by your giving. Will you consider an extravagant gift to Mid-Atlantic? For some, that gift might be a few dollars. For others, it might be several hundred dollars. And, for some, it might mean thousands of dollars or hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Regardless of the amount, I pray that you will consider a gift to this university that will be extravagant – because we serve an extravagant God! 

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