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Change, Growth & RELEVANCE

HENRY FORD ONCE said, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."

Churches, businesses, and colleges all struggle with being relevant. Organizations that understand their mission will continually adapt and change their strategies and tactics to achieve their purpose. One thing that has intrigued me through the years is that most people resist change. Charles Kettering said that "the world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."

A 2013 study by pollster George Barna reveals some tragic trends about religious life in America. Nearly 4,000 churches close their doors each year in our country. The study also stated that 2,765,000 leave the church due to nominalism or secularism each year. At some level these statistics indicate that the church was

deemed irrelevant by their members, that the church was entrenched in their established traditions, or a combination of the two. But resistance to change is a clear sign of arrested spiritual development because change is at the heart of Christianity.

Scripture says that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We have a message that is "once and for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:4). The church has an eternal gospel to proclaim. Sometimes, however, we fail to distinguish between things that should never be changed and things that desperately need to be changed.

Our churches and alumni continually change, adapt, grow, and seek to address their culture and communities with the unchanging gospel. Conscientious churches and leaders realize that the gospel never changes but that they must always be changing and growing. Change and growth are signs of life!

MACU is in her 67th year of service. The school, like the churches her alumni serve, must continually struggle with the tension between the past, present, and future. While our priority to educate ministers who will serve in the church and in the marketplace

to influence the culture for Christ must never change, we must continually evaluate, grow, and change to fulfill our mission. May the words of the serenity prayer guide as we grow:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.



Changing and growing,
Clay



Lee M. Fields, Ph.D.

"GOD IS GREAT; GOD IS GOOD ..."

"... let us thank him for this food." The words from a well-known children's prayer sound delightfully cute to the point that adults may overlook the two great truths spoken.

First, "God is great." In fact, he is the greatest. God is the only one who legitimately deserves the title "great" in any absolute sense. Why? Because only God is infinite. He is the creator of all. God is unlimited in strength (Isaiah 14:27), in knowledge (Psalm 139:2-3), and in space and time (Jeremiah 23:23). Nothing overpowers him, outthinks him, gets around him, or outlasts him (Jeremiah 10:6).

Second, "God is good." This refers to God's many moral qualities. God loves perfectly, always acting in the best interests of another and always wooing to himself those far off (Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4:8). God is just, bringing the wrong to judgment and acting in defense of the wronged (Psalm 9:7-8). God is merciful and compassionate to the suffering and those suffering loss (Psalm 86:15). He gives strength to the weak and grace to those who trust in him (Isaiah 42:3; 2 Timothy 4:18). God always speaks the truth; he does not play mind games trying to

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trick people (Numbers 23:19). Perhaps all of these can be summarized in the fact that God is holy, never sinning or violating his character or acting inconsistently. He can be trusted to do what he says he will do (Isaiah 6:3).

We humans get into trouble when we do not pursue God's moral qualities and instead think that we have his infinite qualities. When we assume we know exactly the motives of other people, seek to overpower others, or even try to squeeze too many activities into our day, we are acting as though we have God's infinite qualities. In short, we are trying to be gods.

But God never calls us (his creatures) to be like him (the creator) in his infinite qualities. We do not have those qualities. Instead, we need to pursue God as he calls us to be like him in his moral qualities: God says, "Be holy because I am holy" (Leviticus 1:44; 1 Peter 1:16).

But what about our failures? We cannot



be perfect in morals, and thus we have earned God's wrath and punishment. Is all lost? Ah! God has even prepared for that: he sent his Son, both to pay the penalty for our sins (Ephesians 1:7-8) and to empower us to overcome sin (Romans 6:3-4).

God truly is great; God truly is good. Let us pursue God in the grace that he offers, by the strength he gives us, and as he commands us.

MACU Now the Alpha Mu Alpha Chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa

THIS YEAR MACU was granted a charter in Theta Alpha Kappa (TAK), the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology.

With chapters in over 300 four-year schools, TAK is the only society honoring and recognizing academic excellence in religious and theological studies. TAK

maintains a vigorous national program of scholarship awards and fellowship competitions; its primary publication, the *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*, offers an annual prize and the publication of outstanding student papers.

Inductees must be nominated by a local chapter and have at least a 3.5 GPA in

Religious Studies and/or Theology and a 3.0 GPA overall. Residency, class ranking, and unit requirements must also be met.

MACU is pleased to be a part of TAK to enhance and promote academic excellence in biblical and theological studies among her students and looks forward to inducting students in the future.



Leadership Project in Education Class Involves Community and Helps Local School

IN NOVEMBER STUDENTS in Dr. Cheryl Luton's Foundations of Education class delivered a check to the librarian at Sheep Harney Elementary School to purchase some new books for the students. Early in the semester, MACU Elementary Education majors in Dr. Luton's class were assigned a leadership project. Students were responsible for planning a project that would be beneficial to community members. Since several of the students volunteer weekly at Sheep Harney Elementary School under the direction of Athletic Director

Neal Aligood, they were aware of the need for additional library books for the school's library. They decided to have a movie event on campus, and on October 17, they provided a free movie for neighborhood families and MACU students. While there was no charge for the movie, students sold refreshments to raise money for the library. The lessons these education majors learned while doing this leadership project and raising \$200 were significant. When asked to reflect on this experience, Freshman Kate Vere said, "I think all future

educators should experience this as it is a small glimpse into what will be required of us in order for us to be successful educators." Sophomore Elizabeth Bartlett, who participated in a similar project last year, said, "Having these experiences early is important because it will make us better teachers when we enter the field." Dr. Luton agreed with her students' assessments: "We hope to have a number of events like this in the future," Luton said. "In an economy of tight education budgets, it gives our teachers-in-training an opportunity to creatively approach a real-world problem. It also shows the community that our students care. I'm proud of them."

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Skultety Named First LMS Administrator



Dr. Patrik Skultety

THOSE FAMILIAR WITH online education recognize "LMS," or "Learning Management System." Because more and more courses are available online, Dr. Patrik Skultety has joined the MACU family to serve the faculty as an instructional designer and LMS administrator.

Faculty who design online courses will

work with Dr. Skultety to develop the best methods for content delivery. He will help them and students navigate our LMS, which is the software used to deliver online courses. Of the many software options available, MACU uses the program Moodle for our LMS.

Dr. Skultety is a citizen of Slovakia and is married with three children. He and his family currently live in Kill Devil Hills, NC, and attend Son Rise Church of Christ. He holds an MBA in Business Management from Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra and a Ph.D. in Environmental Management and Landscape Engineering from Slovak University of Agriculture.

and an M.B.A. from Regent University. He has owned and operated construction businesses and is a designer, builder, and manager of homes and vacation properties. Kurtis, his wife Cindy ex'88, and their sons – Noah, a MACU freshman, and Luke – live in Kill Devil Hills, NC, and are active at Son Rise Church of Christ, where he serves as an elder.

Duffer New Administrative Assistant

NANCY DUFFER HAS been hired as the Administrative Assistant for the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Nancy is a former school teacher and a preacher's wife. Her husband, Mike '78, preaches for Camden

Church of Christ in Camden, NC. Their son, Jonathan, is a 2008 MACU graduate. Nancy began her duties in October, following Judy Jones, who has retired after four years assisting Dr. Kevin Larsen in Academics. Welcome, Nancy, and Godspeed, Judy! Thank you for your excellent service.

Murphy Retires



Emmett P. Murphy

EMMETT MURPHY HAS retired as Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement, a position he has held since 2005. While working at MACU Emmett conducted more than 154 estate planning

workshops. As a result of his expertise and forward thinking in helping dedicated Christians leave a legacy, over 233 families have included MACU in their estate. In addition to Estate Planning, Emmett and his wife, Dolores have been instrumental in establishing a successful "Seniors by the Sea" annual event and "Grandparent's Day" on campus. From 1995 until his employment at MACU Emmett was a member of the university's Board of Trustees. He is an alumnus of Eastern Christian College and has spent his life in ministry. Our heartfelt thanks go to Emmett, as well as Dolores, for his partnership in ministry.

MACU Foundation Celebrates 30 Years

THE MID-ATLANTIC FOUNDATION is celebrating 30 years this year. The small mustard seed planted in 1985 has grown into 149 funds that provide a perpetual blessing to the University every year. Most of these funds – created by individuals, churches, and estates – are for student scholarships. Other funds support educational departments, the library, general operations, or faculty and staff needs. The list of funds below illustrates how the mission of training extraordinary Christian leaders has been in the hearts of many who have been touched by MACU. Because of these Foundation funds, over \$850,000 has been awarded to students at MACU. These scholarship awards do not have to be repaid by students, allowing them to incur less debt during their academic endeavors. Have you considered the Foundation

as a way to honor someone by creating a scholarship in recognition of the way they have touched your life? Perhaps your church would like to start a named fund to help preaching students at MACU. Maybe your missions committee would like to establish a scholarship for a cross-cultural student. This thirtieth year is a great time to plant a seed for a future blessing! The Vision 2020 strategic plan includes the goal of raising the Foundation assets to 10 million by the year 2020. This is an audacious goal, but an important and critical part of financial stability for MACU and its students. Named funds require a



Mid-Atlantic Foundation Board of Directors. Front: Executive Director Sandra Perkins, Sharon Jones, Gail Blanton, Vice Chairman Ed Griffin, Trustee Roger Brady, Dr. Wayne Morris. Back: Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Maurice, Malcolm Puckett, Secretary Greg Sexton, Treasurer Greg Marples, McArthur Britt, Chairman Jerry Norris. Not pictured: Dr. Lee Fields, Craig Lewis, President Clay Perkins, and Tim Turner.

minimum of \$10,000. (Contributions may accumulate for up to 7 years until the total reaches \$10,000.) Once the fund is named, additional contributions are encouraged and may be added at any time in any amount. For more information about the Mid-Atlantic Foundation, contact Executive Director Sandra Perkins at 252-334-2003 or by email at sandra.perkins@macuniversity.edu. To contribute to the Foundation, mark your gift "Foundation" with the name of the fund you have selected.

The Mid-Atlantic Foundation receives tax-deductible gifts as endowments and then invests these gifts. Earnings are used in accordance with the donor's request, while the principal remains intact to generate future earnings. The Mid-Atlantic Foundation policy is to invest the endowed principal in assets which balance safety of principal, growth of principal, and generation of income. These funds are managed by a conservative and faithful board of directors who have a Kingdom mindset and a love for MACU.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Benjamin H. and Peggy A. Allen Scholarship Fund (2011)
Al L. Althaus Pastoral Care and Counseling Scholarship (1998)
Alumni Scholarship (1985)
Margaret "Jackie" Amick Memorial Scholarship (2004)
Anonymous Scholarship (1986)
Donald S. Baker, Sr. and J. Michael Thornton Memorial Married Student Scholarship (1986)
BB&T/Willis Owens/Charles Ward/J. Carroll Abbott Scholarship (1992)
Odis and Ruby Bennett Memorial Scholarship (2006)
Bike Rally Scholarship for Cross-Cultural Studies (2008)
Al Blanton Scholarship (1989)
Boggs Family Scholarship (1995)
Henry and Viola Harrison Bohmer Memorial Scholarship (2009)
George W. BonDurant Scholarship (2004)
S. Elizabeth BonDurant Choral Scholarship (2001)
Sarah Presley BonDurant Scholarship (1988)
Jack A. Borland Scholarship (2005)
Charles L. Braswell Scholarship (2006)
R. Ainsworth Chapman Biblical Studies Scholarship (2005)
Armand and Rose Cistaro Memorial Fund (2006)
Class of 1987 Scholarship (1987)
Class of 1993 Scholarship (1993)
Class of 1999 Scholarship (1999)
Ted R. Clifton Scholarship (2004)
Colonial Place Church of Christ Fund (2005)
Ronnie L. Comstock Fund (2002)
Cooper Ministry Scholarship (2009)
Cooper Missions Scholarship (2009)
Vickie Andrews Cox Memorial Scholarship (1999)
Larry Walter Coyle Memorial Fund (2004)
Craven Christian Church Scholarship (1997)
D.H. and Sue Crowe Scholarship (1999)
J. David Cuthbertson Fund (2002)
Deaf/Hearing Impaired Scholarship (1991)
Frankie DeWald Scholarship (1995)
Bertha M. Dicks Memorial Scholarship (1986)
Alva W. Douglas Scholarship Fund (2000)
Lucy Duke Memorial Mission Scholarship (2005)
Joe D & Doris W Eakes Endowed Scholarship Fund (2010)
Eastern Christian College Alumni Scholarship (2005)
Excellence in Christian Scholarship Fund (1997)
Fairfield Christian Church Scholarship (1986)
Lee M Fields Scholarship Fund (2008)
Eddie and Elsie Forehand Scholarship (1993)
Thelma East Forney Memorial Scholarship (1989)
Fritz/Flint Memorial Scholarship (1997)
Frank B. Fuller, Sr. Scholarship Fund (2000)
Jake Austin Griffin Memorial Scholarship (2004)
Howard & Carol Guidry Scholarship Fund (2013)
Vernon Hall Scholarship (2005)
Etta B. Hardison Scholarship Fund (2001)
William O. and Lucretia Henderson Scholarship (1996)
Homer and Ruby Hendricks Memorial Scholarship (1993)
Holly Neck Church of Christ Scholarship (2005)
Ben James Memorial Scholarship (2004)
Robert L. Johnson Fund (2002)
Iola P. Keffer Scholarship Fund (2001)
Langley Scholastic Fund (2010)
The Larsen Family Linguistic Scholarship Fund (2007)
Carol J. Laswell Memorial Scholarship (1991)

Michael Lease Memorial Scholarship (2002)
Timothy R. Lease Memorial Scholarship (1988)
Lindsley Scholarship Fund (2006)
The W. Edwin Lipscombe Memorial Scholarship Fund (2008)
The Charles Poindexter and Nelle BonDurant Mabry Scholarship Fund (1997)
Macedonia Christian Church Preaching Scholarship Fund (1999)
Master's Twelve Scholarship (1988)
Frances Mills Memorial Scholarship (2004)
A. E. Schlieser Memorial Scholarship (2012)
Donna Scott Memorial Scholarship (2003)
John and Helen Scott Cross-Cultural Scholarship Fund (2007)
J.T. and Addie Maye Segroves Scholarship (2005)
Seniors by the Sea Scholarship (2010)
Russell M. (Russ) & Betty L. (Bet) Smith Preaching Scholarship (2010)
Melvin and Dorothy Styons Fund (2009)
Taylor Scholarship Fund (2000)
Trustees Fund (1999)
VFW Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship (1995)
Ann Warren Memorial Scholarship (1985)
Sadie Weathersbee Scholarship Fund (1999)
John P. and Jean B. West Fund (2006)
Gerald & Joan Wilgus Scholarship Fund (2012)
Polly Winslow Memorial Scholarship (2004)
Harley T. Wood Scholarship (2005)
Guy and Dot Woolard Memorial Scholarship Fund (1999)
Leroy and Sally Woolard Fund (2000)
CURRENTLY UNFUNDED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
Jimmy & Shelby Bennett Scholarship (2012)
McArthur Britt, Jr. Scholarship Fund (2014)

Saunders Revels Family Scholarship (1995)
Lloyd E. Robbins Memorial Scholarship (2005)
Robert L. Russell Preaching Scholarship (2008)
Jennifer Norris Russell Scholarship (2004)
Sidney and Elizabeth Sadler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2006)
Jonathan B. Sawyer Memorial Scholarship (1992)
Jonathan Schipper Memorial Scholarship (2010)
A. E. Schlieser Memorial Scholarship (2012)
Donna Scott Memorial Scholarship (2003)
John and Helen Scott Cross-Cultural Scholarship Fund (2007)
J.T. and Addie Maye Segroves Scholarship (2005)
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Harley T. Wood Scholarship (2005)
Guy and Dot Woolard Memorial Scholarship Fund (1999)
Leroy and Sally Woolard Fund (2000)

Class of 2004 Scholarship (2014)
Class of 2008 Scholarship (2008)
Class of 2010 Scholarship (2010)
Loma & Ella Hassell Scholarship Fund (2010)
Bobby & Jean Higginbotham Scholarship Fund (2011)
Christopher T. Knollenberg Elementary Education Scholarship Fund (2014)
Mt. Pleasant Christian Church Scholarship Fund (2012)
Robert Smith Scholarship (2009)
STAFF/FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS
BB&T/Willis Owens/Charles Ward/J. Carroll Abbott Scholarship (1992)
Hilton O. Chesson & Merle Chesson Endowment (2002)
Jack Hardy Memorial Fund (2011)
The George M. and Louise B. Lecka Fund (1988)
Morrisette Fac-Staff Sch (1996)
H. Clay Ferebee, III Memorial Fund (2007)
Perkins Fund (2006)

MISSION ENDOWMENTS

Alligood Endowment Fund (2014)
Hilton & Merle Chesson Fund (1989)
Charles Clay Memorial Fund (2000)
FDN - ECC, INC (2005)
John & Lucille Griffin Fund (2001)
William A. and Patricia S. Griffin Fund (2005)
M.G. Morrisette, Jr., College Mission Fund (1996)

DEPARTMENTS

Americanist Lectures (1985)
CICM Sister School Fund: Legacy Berea Church of Christ (2014)
Deaf Studies Fund (1991)
Green Library Fund (1987)
Men for Ministry Foundation (2002)
Lamira Slagle Library Fund (1998)
John Harold & Janie Swindell Fund (2001)
Hilda S. Watson Memorial Fund (2012)
Worship & Music Fund (currently unfunded) (2010)

67th Annual

MACU Rally & Homecoming 2015

Wednesday-Saturday | March 18-21

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Jim Tune, Chapel Speaker

Mid-Atlantic Society Gala, 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Church Planting & Church Growth Workshops

Sponsored by Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship

Alumni & Students Tailgate Party

Food, Games, Fellowship

Alumni vs. Students

Women's Volleyball Game

Alumni vs. Students

Men's Basketball Game

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Continental Breakfast

Rally Main Session

Dave McCants, Speaker

Class Reunions

Honoring Classes of '55, '65, '75, '85, '95, '05

Alumni Meeting

Church Planting & Church Growth Workshops

Sponsored by Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship

Ministers' Wives Workshop

Kerygma

Rally Main Session

Jim Tune, Speaker

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Kerygma

Rally Speakers



JIM TUNE

Friday Evening Speaker
President, ICOM 2015
Mississauga, Ontario

Jim Tune is the senior and founding Minister of Churchill Meadows Christian Church (CMCC). CMCC is located in Mississauga, Ontario, a western suburb of Toronto, and has church planting in its DNA. Before entering the ministry, Jim, and his wife, Claudia, were professional investment advisors in Toronto, eventually starting and directing their

own financial planning business. Jim loves to use his entrepreneurial gifts to advance the cause of Christ through church planting. Jim and Claudia live in the Toronto area where Jim leads a Canadian national church planting organization called Impact Canada. In its short history, Impact Canada has planted several churches in the Toronto area, along with new plants in Calgary, Alberta, and Vancouver, British Columbia. Impact Canada is planning to start new churches in the next two years in Moncton, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Jim is a member of the Contributing Editor board of Christian Standard and writes for the magazine, as well. In addition to his other service to the Kingdom at large, he is President of the 2015 International Conference on Missions (ICOM), which will be in Richmond, VA.



DAVE MCCANTS '91

Friday Morning Speaker

Lead Minister, Two Rivers Church of Christ (New Bern, NC)

Dave McCants is a 1991 graduate of MACU. Before attending college, he was an active member of the Christian Church of Seaford, DE. He received a degree in Bible at MACU and served three churches in Virginia for 17 years prior to answering the call to plant a church in New Bern, NC, in 2009. David launched the Two Rivers Church of Christ in New Bern and serves as the Lead Minister. David is passionate about seeing people come to know who God is and His plan for their lives. He holds an MBA from Regent University and is an adjunct instructor in leadership at MACU.

David and his wife, Bonnie (Watson), met while students at MACU. Bonnie received a degree in history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. They have been married since 1996 and are the proud parents of twin girls, Ella and Jane.



SARAH LYNN GRUBB EX'99

Music and Worship

Worship Director and Service Programmer, Discovery Church (Simi Valley, CA)

Sarah Lynn was a PK (Preacher's Kid) in Portsmouth, VA, where her parents, Keith '73 and Pat '73 Lewis, served West Park Church of Christ. By the age of 4, her musical skills became apparent, and she began playing for church services at an early age. From her youth, she has played for congregations, led worship, sung with worship bands, and written and arranged songs. She attended MACU, then transferred and earned a degree from Abilene Christian University in 2000, where she met her husband, Matt Grubb.

They ministered in Oregon, Virginia, and Oregon again before answering the call in 2011 for her to serve as Worship Director at Discovery Church. Matt also serves the congregation as Student Ministries Pastor. They have two children, Enoch and Indie.

Visit macuniversity.edu
for Rally updates, local motels,
program details, and more!

KERYGMA

"Kerygma" is the Greek word for "preaching." It is also the name of MACU's new preaching club. At this year's rally we are challenging preachers, elders, and leaders to encourage their young men to preach! Registration for young men between the ages of 13-17 will begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday. They will be paired with MACU preaching students and have a dinner cruise onboard SV Praise the Lord down the Pasquotank River. Upon returning, they will attend the rally worship service. On Saturday they will attend training workshops and be encouraged to develop their gifts for ministry. The event ends 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 21. For more information contact Dan Smith at 252-334-2058 or Dr. Claudio Divino at 252-334-2049.



THAIS UEJO'S STORY A Transformational Education for Brazilian Student

I CAME TO the United States two years ago to work as an au pair (nanny) in order to improve my English skills. The exchange program "Au Pair in America" brings girls from different countries to live with an American family, working for them and living with them to become acclimated to American culture. When I applied, I never imagined that my life in America would go so far.

After arriving I took classes at College of the Albemarle (in Elizabeth City) while in the exchange program and heard about MACU from a friend. Although he did not attend MACU, he told me there were some people at MACU who played soccer, so I visited one day and started making friends. I was well received and felt comfortable on the campus.

I decided to stay in the U.S. to achieve my higher education goals at the beginning of my second year as an au pair. I was seeking information about universities throughout the country that would offer scholarships or financial assistance to international students. When I began applying, I learned I needed to take the TOEFL test. I had the scores from that test sent to four universities. MACU was one of those on my list.

I received a letter from Enrollment Director Dan Smith exactly at the moment I was hopeless about finding a good institution. Many doors had closed for me, and I was about to give up my dream of staying here. I contacted Dan Smith and made an appointment to tour campus. I felt at the very first moment that God brought me here for a good reason. I have made MACU my home and my professors, staff and friends my family — I feel happy here.

Now I am trying to attain my degree and learn as much as I can to be able to bring better teaching

methodologies to my country. English has become very important in Brazil, and I want to be able to offer English to the poor people of Brazil who do not have the financial means to afford a second language school. From my experiences in the United States I will be able to share about American culture and language. Brazil is also a popular tourist destination. If I am successful, maybe our people will be able to get better jobs and improve the education system in Brazil, helping to improve opportunities for everyone and enabling our country to be a "first world" country.

Recently I received an invitation to help a cousin that leads churches in Brazil and Japan. His church has spread a lot of good seeds through my country helping the poor. I believe that I can help by teaching English and a brand new culture, giving them an opportunity that not many people in my country have to learn a second language.

I would like to show my own people how amazing our dreams can become when we believe. The best way will be showing them that in Christ they can reach any dream they want if they live by faith and follow Jesus. I want to be able to help share and model God's love. I believe I will be able to serve my people better as my relationship with God continues to get stronger. My time at MACU has helped me to grow closer to God. I believe that the best path you can take is always the one that brings you closer to God — as MACU has done for me!

This institution is a blessing for many reasons, but the biggest is that it helps to transform ordinary people into extraordinary Christian leaders and prepare those people to change the world. All that this world needs is love, and this love is God!

MUSTANG ATHLETICS

Women's Basketball



Back: Assistant Coach Brittany Meinsen, Team Manager Jessica Shellman, Jamie Brown, LaCresha Young, Benita Boyd, Cham Brice, Emily Beamon, Coach Charles Troxell.
Front: Olivia Maxey, Whitney Rowe, Olivia Wilgus, Kelly Anders, Brittany Harrison, Diamond Bell.



Back: Assistant Coach Allan Harris, Delonte Crowder, Marquice Sims, David Rimarski, Joe Hill, Zach Camporese (RS), Wayne Thurber, Head Coach Neal Alligood.
Front: Team Manager Terry Burkey, Will Artis, Micah Ryals, Alex Whitley, David Barron, Micah Scorsone, Alex Wang.

Cooper Nationally Ranked



Freshman Matt Cooper, a star golfer in high school, finished MACU's season as the 16th ranked golfer in the nation out of about 140 golfers in the USCAA. He was also tied for 32nd out of about 130 golfers at the National Championship the weekend of October 13-14. Congratulations, Matt!

DATES & EVENTS

- Mar. 2-6 Spring Break
- Mar. 18-21 MACU Rally & Homecoming Week
- Mar. 18 Mid-Atlantic Society Gala
- Mar. 20 Alumni Association Meeting
- Apr. 6-7 Easter Break
- Apr. 23 Crowder in Concert
- May 4 River Day
- May 4-8 Final Exams
- May 7 Foundation Board Meeting
- May 8 Trustees Meeting
- May 9 Commencement, 10 am
Steve Hill, Speaker
- June 2 Seniors by the Sea
Dr. David Faust, Speaker

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Dean's List Fall 2014 — Full-time students (12 or more credit hours) whose semester GPA is 3.5 or above. Students achieving a 4.0 are indicated with an asterisk (*).

Fiona Stammers Allain	Caitlin Dawn Goss*	Rita Agnes Maclin*	Martin Glen Ryals
Elizabeth Ashley Bartlett	Emily Caroline Greene*	Olivia Caroline Maxey	Zachary Shane Tanner
Lynnetta Rena Blackman	Harley Nicole Grice	Paige Ashleigh Morse	Jessica R. Troxell
Sarah Ann Bowles	Travis Cyntell Hunter	Michael Scott Moulden	Leah Kathryn Vaughan
Matthew Todd Cooper	Amy Lynn Isler*	Morgan Fawn Nayadley	Caitlin Alexandra Vere
Brandon James Davis	James Richard Knight	Caitlin Elizabeth O'Connor	Britney Nicole Walther
Whitley Rosa-Leigh Davis	Tiffany Jeannette Kriss	Emily Nicole O'Connor	Wendy Jo Ward
Corey A. Donker*	Ronald Eugene Lawrence	Jackson Eden Osebreh	Lauren E. Witherspoon
Stephanie Leigh Empson	Jameson Grey Lowery	Samantha Paige Roberson*	Rebecka Kaitlyn Woodard
Rebecca Gaffney	Sarah Morgan Lunceford	Whitney Taylor Rowe	

MACU at ICOM in Columbus

DR. CLAUDIO DIVINO and over 35 others from MACU attended the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) in Columbus, OH, Nov. 13-16.



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FAMILY NEWS

New Ministries & Service

Tim Cyphers '05 is now Youth Minister at First Christian Church in Elizabeth City.

Lance Pippin '05 is serving Christ's Church, Greenville, NC, as youth minister.

Danielle Hortelano '08 has been called as Director of Youth Ministry at Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, NC.

Senior Josh Bueno is the Lead Minister at Bandon Chapel in Edenton, NC.

Weddings

John Fremont and **Kimmy Naugle ex'15**, Sept. 20

Eric Jason Spivey and **Christina Nichols ex'01**, Sept. 27

Autry Jackson ex'15 and Alexa Smith, Oct. 4

Kevin Tucker ex'14 and **Jenna Ross ex'14**, Dec. 20

Births

Ottis '05 and **Kay Moulden ex'03**

Cox: Avery Kathleen, Sept. 22

Buddy '12 and **Danielle Ball '12 Holloway:**

Arthur Lee "A.L." Holloway V, Sept. 30

Charles and **Nicole Zahn Fisher** (LCC-ECC alumni): Lucian Everett, Oct. 13

Jacob and **Elizabeth Vahey '11 Smith:** James Alexander, Oct. 23

Josh and **Shody Foy Harvey** (LCC-ECC alumni): Grayson Michael, Oct. 24

Rich '10 and **Aimee LaFever '12 Meister:** Isaac Ilia, Oct. 30

Aaron '10 and Leah **Grosjean:** Joshua Peter, Nov. 19

Roger '12 and Erin **Burns:** Sadie Reese, Dec. 22

Rob '03 and **Renee Dean '04 Yancey:** Lily Isabelle, Dec. 30

Notes of Sympathy

To **Amber Covell Banton '03** on the death of her husband, Jason, Aug. 5.

To **Louise Mohorn '60** and family on the death of her son, David, Aug. 12.

To **Jesse Doyle '74** and family on the death of his oldest son, Clifton, in September.

To **Cecil Styons '65** on the death of his wife, Grace Marie Ambrose Styons, Oct. 25.

To the family of **Everett Lewis Maysey III '84**, who passed away Nov. 12.

To **Frank '56** and **Betty ex'59** Fuller and the family on the death of their son Jeff, Nov. 24.

To Admissions **Counselor Garrett Lewis '73**, as well as **Keith Lewis '73**, whose mother, Linda Lewis, died Nov. 27.

To the family of **Kathy Jo Sawyer ex'81**, who died Dec. 9.

To **George ex'78** and **Paula Sweitzer ex'78 Elliott**, whose youngest son, George "Georgie" Elliott II, died in a house fire Dec. 17.

Other News & Notes

In **November Bob Moulden '73** was awarded the W. Willis Bowen Lifetime Achievement Award for Washington County, NC, by the Chamber of Commerce.

Debbie Taylor Roach '87 completed requirements for the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Higher Education and Organizational Change at Benedictine University. The graduation ceremony is in May.

Dr. Lee Fields spent a week in Africa in December with Wycliffe Associates on a Bible translation project assisting a consultant in checking the translation with respect to the Greek text of Acts 21-28.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Transformation and MACU



John W. Maurice
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

TRANSFORMATION IS ABOUT growth. We speak of the gospel, which transforms our hearts and minds. There is something necessary about dying to sin and rising to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4). There is something essential about the gospel transforming the way we think by renewing our minds (Rom. 12:2). People must change when they encounter the power of the living Christ.

Churches change. When I travel to churches I notice that many congregations have adapted their worship and preaching styles from what they were in 1978 when I graduated from college. Rarely do I see or hear a piano, organ, or church choir. Words to worship songs are projected on a screen, and no hymnals are in sight. The preacher most often does not wear a suit and doesn't stand behind a wooden pulpit. The congregation watches videos and slides on the screen, and they read scripture on their smart phones. Some churches have

done a re-branding (name/logo change) in an attempt to give their congregation a new image in the community.

Most people – including me – resist change. We get comfortable with the way things are. Some have tried to institute changes in their churches and have been met with strong resistance. But change we must. Nearly 4,000 churches close their doors in America each year. If the church is going to impact the world with the gospel it must seek new and deliberate methods of delivering the ancient yet ever relevant truth

Colleges change. Last year I was preparing to retire from the Navy. When I told a friend I was going to be working at MACU, he said, "You are going full-circle." My response was, "Yes, but I'm not the same person I was 36 years ago, and MACU is not the same place it was 36 years ago." All of us have experienced great changes in our lives as we have grown and matured.

Our name has changed but our mission has not changed – we still prepare every student to be "set for the defense of the gospel," as the school's founding motto stated. As a side note, it is interesting that 12 of 30 Christian colleges listed in the August

2014 Christian Standard have changed their names. Every student at MACU still majors in Biblical Studies; they can choose any of 19 different areas for a double major.

We still train students for ministry in the church. Seventy-eight percent of our male graduates in the last three years are in full-time vocational ministry. We are proud of these graduates. But we are also proud of our graduates who teach school, counsel, nurse, work in non-profit organizations, and serve Christ in the marketplace. We are proud of our alumni who return to their communities and serve their local church. We believe in the priesthood of all believers, and at MACU we train everyone to serve. God calls them to service in the church or in the marketplace.

At MACU we have a rich past but an even more promising future. The Christian life is one of growth, change, and transformation. "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

Mid-Atlantic Foundation News



Sandra Perkins
Foundation Director

FOUNDATION BANQUET.

The annual Mid-Atlantic Foundation on October 16 provided an opportunity for scholarship donors to meet the students who received their scholarships. Over 130 attended the banquet, which was sponsored by Thompson Hospitality.

Pictured are speakers Shaun Cooper, Ronnie Lawrence, Jessica Shellman, and Cheryl Lindsley. Shaun, a 2007 graduate of MACU, shared why he and his wife, Mary Ann, started the Cooper Missions Scholarship. The Coopers met and dined with student recipient, Lauren Witherspoon. Student Ronnie Lawrence spoke about how the preaching scholarship helped him afford school and concentrate on his studies. He received the Ted R. Clifton Scholarship, the Ronnie L. Comstock Fund, the Eddie and Elsie Forehand Scholarship, the Robert L. Russell Preaching Scholarship, and the Jonathan B. Sawyer Memorial Scholarship.

Student Jessica Shellman received the Armand and Rose Cistaro Memorial Fund and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship. She thanked MACU for selecting her for these two scholarships and dined with Kurtis Kight, who represented the Rose Cistaro Memorial Fund.

Cheryl Lindsley spoke about how she and her husband, Rich, enjoy the students and want to help them pay their education expenses so that they don't have to worry about finances and can launch their ministries more easily. The Lindsleys were pleased to sit with Sarah Lunceford, the recipient of the Lindsley Scholarship.

MOTORCYCLE RALLY A SUCCESS. Eighty people participated in the MACU Motorcycle Rally and Charity Ride Sept. 6. This year's ride was in memory of both D. Q. Roberts, of Christian Riders Ministry, and Bob Morton. After the ride and lunch, Pete Kunkle, minister at First Christian Ministries in Kernersville, NC, gave a brief inspirational message.

The motorcycle ride was created to raise money for the Bike Rally Scholarship for Cross Cultural Studies and to promote the mission of sharing the Gospel to all cultures. Since the first rally in 2008, over \$7,500 has been raised for this student scholarship. Special thanks to Mark Woolard '90 for starting the event and to committee members Mitch and Denise Mitchell, Catherine Morton, and Andy and Ann Flowers. Ed and Barbara Griffin provided a sausage biscuit breakfast, and Chick-fil-A provided lunch. Event sponsors were First



Shaun Cooper, Ronnie Lawrence, Jessica Shellman, Cheryl Lindsley



Pete Kunkle with Beth Mangus Roberts (widow of D.Q. Roberts)

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Next fall's ride is Sept. 12. We hope you will join us.

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Seniors by the Sea, June 2
Keep the Fires Burning



David Faust, Speaker

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Music by **John Boyer,**
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David Faust is Associate Minister at E. 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis and a writer for The Lookout. He is also recent past President of Cincinnati Christian University.

His wife, Candy, will lead a ladies workshop. Registration is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and silent auction. For information contact Emmett Murphy at emmett.murphy@macuniversity.edu or

757-872-7357.