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## Campus takes on new appearance as construction progresses

Dramatic, exciting, and phenomenal are just a few of the words chosen by observers to describe the transformation taking place on the campus of Michigan Christian College. "Every weekend, I walk around the construction site and am amazed at the extent of the change that is taking place," stated Bob Utley, chairman of the board.

This past spring, contractors began work on a \$4.2 million dollar construction project for Michigan Christian College, including two residence halls, a campus entryway, and major improvements in roads and parking areas. "Although the crews experienced a late start because of unusually heavy spring rains, they are now making substantial progress toward their goal of a spring completion date," stated Mark Davis, vice president for operations.

"We expected this project to make a big impact on the image of the campus," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Most people, however, are surprised at the magnitude of the change. Even the local residents of Rochester Hills have been commenting on the impressive scale of the project."

Currently, contractors have completed most of the site work,

including drain systems, utility hookups, curbing, sidewalks, and parking areas. "Within the next couple of weeks, we will be able to complete paving and begin using the new entrance road and parking areas," stated Mr. Davis. "At that time we also will be able to remove the old entrance leading to the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall and reshape the parking area near the Westside-Central Auditorium."

Masons completed exterior walls of the building by mid-October, allowing for construction of the roof superstructure, and began laying exterior brick by the end of the month. "The construction firm plans to have the building enclosed within the next few weeks so workers can complete the interior during the winter," stated Mr. Davis.

"In addition to the actual construction, we have experienced a lot of great side benefits from this project," noted Mr. Davis. "Rather than pay to haul extra dirt from the campus, we formed berms along Avon Road and created a riverside park in back of Barbier Residence Hall and the actual construction site. Also, millions of gallons of runoff water will now be diverted to the campus lakes from the new roadway and parking areas."

"Like any project of this scale,



Workers install the roof superstructure on the west wing and commons area of the residence hall complex.

everyone has found it necessary to deal with inconvenience," commented Dr. Johnson. "When construction engulfed the parking lot by the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall, many had to start parking on lawns until completion of the new lots. Housekeeping personnel are challenged daily with the tracking of dirt and mud into buildings near the construction site. Yet, everyone

is taking it all in stride because of the tremendous benefits they foresee at the end of the project."

"What a difference this construction project is making and is going to make," concluded Dr. Johnson. "We anticipate formal opening of the new complex and the wonderful opportunities for service that this facility will provide as we serve students far into the next century."

## State and NCA approve addition of B.S. degree

Marking another significant milestone in the development of bachelor's degree programs, Michigan Christian College recently received authorization to offer the Bachelor of Science degree. "Based upon the positive response we received during our recent site visit, both the state of Michigan and the North Central Association granted approval without further visits," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs.

"At this point in time, addition of the Bachelor of Science degree has allowed us to reposition the human services major under a more appropriate degree title," noted Dr. Westerfield. "As we decide to add other majors in future years, one major step in the process has been removed since the state granted B.S. approval with no limitations."

The college added a counsel-

ing major under the Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1989. As that program developed an outstanding reputation, the faculty developed additional majors. Under current structuring, specializations in counseling, criminal justice, early childhood education, psychology, and social work are offered under the human services major of the Bachelor of Science degree.

"Students from Michigan have benefited from this change in a very significant way," stated Wendy Denny, director of financial aid. "Previously, students enrolled in the human services program under the Bachelor of Religious Education degree program could not receive the Michigan Tuition Grant. Many of our human services majors now receive the full \$2,300 tuition grant from the state as part of their financial aid package."



Sarah Reddick reviews social work requirements with Stacey Bowers.

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## College seeks to strengthen reputation for liberal arts



Dear Friends,

This surely must be one of the most exciting times in the history of Michigan Christian College. Incorporated under a different name on January 17, 1955, the college has for forty-one years pursued its mission of providing a solid liberal arts education under Christian teachers in Rochester, Michigan.

The new construction, new academic programs, highly qualified new personnel, and spiritual commitment of our student body are creating significant new potential for the college. Now, as never before, we are poised for progress.

Our greatest present challenge is overcoming a public image that casts us as a minister-training facility rather than a liberal arts college. While ministry training is a vital part of our function, high school students, high school counselors, and corporate donors are slow to recognize that Michigan Christian College is far more than a Bible college.

The college's Board of Trustees and Development Council have both discussed the challenge of strengthening the college's image. We need your assistance in spreading the message that Michigan Christian College has been *fully accredited for decades as a liberal arts college*, and now has more than fifty different tracks to a bachelor's degree, some taught fully on our campus and some in cooperation with nearby institutions.

Our current graduates are enjoying exceptional career opportunities as they complete our new four-year programs. General Motors, Ameritech, EDS, and other top corporations are choosing our fine graduates.

You are the reason for progress at the college. Thank you for being involved. Together we'll make a difference...

Cordially,

*Kenneth L. Johnson*

Kenneth L. Johnson  
President

## Students return to exciting changes

Students returned to the campus of Michigan Christian College for the fall semester amid exciting changes. In addition to an obvious campus transformation from construction, the students soon discovered a broader array of academic programs and began meeting a number of new college employees.

"This summer, the admissions staff prayed for students who would understand and benefit from the mission of the college," stated Vikki Bentley, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs. "Those prayers were answered with a student body that is enthusiastic about being a part of the wonderful things that are taking place on campus."

Along with a 16% growth rate in the number of new students, enrollment in the new education program exceeded expectations. Others benefited from a restructuring of the human services major under the Bachelor of Science degree.

Individuals joining the faculty for the fall semester included L. Joyce Duvall, assistant professor of psychology; Deborah M. Haskell, assistant professor of English; Craig D. Johnson, as-

stant professor of mathematics; Dr. Michael A. O'Donnell, professor of family studies; and Jeffery A. Simmons, assistant professor of business. Four began their work at Michigan Christian College with teaching experience from other Christian colleges and universities.

Victor A. Bliss, instructor of religion; Shelley A. Foy, instructor of computer science; Mark W. Frost, instructor of religion; and Larry E. Parham, assistant pro-

fessor of education, began teaching on a part-time basis.

Staff personnel beginning duties for the fall semester included Wendy Denny, director of financial aid; Lori Girdley, library aide; Angela Hazel, director of adult education; Robert Jones, degree completion consultant; Sarah Jones, bookstore clerk; Pam Larsen, housekeeping supervisor; Darla Sutton, cafeteria assistant; and Kathy Wray, academic services office secretary.



New students begin registration in the Associates Campus Center.

## Technical degree options initiated

Michigan Christian College recently announced agreements with Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College to offer cooperative degree programs. Through an innovative approach, students will be able to complete a specialization in a technical field at the community college and earn a bachelor's degree from Michigan Christian College.

"Eventually, these agreements will allow Michigan Christian College to serve three new markets of students," stated Dr. Mike

Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "Not only will we be able to serve community college graduates, but also those students coming to us as freshmen with an interest in technical fields. We also anticipate the development of a strong adult student program for technical program graduates already in the work force."

With specializations available in numerous technical areas, students will be able to pursue such fields as computer information systems, graphic and commercial art, health care administration, and vehicle design. The program also is adaptable for technical program graduates of other community colleges.

"The vehicle design program alone has tremendous potential," noted Dr. Westerfield. "Macomb has developed a strong program in vehicle design, known for its outstanding placement record in the automobile industry. Since both colleges are located in the automobile capital of the world, the cooperative program will allow the students of Michigan Christian College to tap into an exciting career field in a way that is possible only in this region of the United States."

This fall, the college employed Angela Hazel as the college's first director of adult education. Currently, Mrs. Hazel is finalizing plans for a degree completion program that will be offered in short terms in the evening and on weekends.

"Both Macomb and Oakland are excited about the new doors our cooperative programs will open for their graduates," noted

Mrs. Hazel. "Officials from both institutions anticipate substantial interest since our program provides maximum transfer of credit from technical as well as liberal arts courses earned in the community college setting."

## Looking Ahead ...



Work continues on dramatic changes to the campus of Michigan Christian College. When completed this spring, the \$4.2 million project will provide two new residence halls, a campus commons, a new campus entryway, and major improvements in roadways and parking areas.

### Four-Year Programs

**Bachelor of Science  
Human Services Major**  
with specializations in:  
Counseling  
Criminal Justice  
Early Childhood Education  
Psychology  
Social Work

**Bachelor of Business  
Administration  
Management Major**  
with specializations in:  
Business Studies  
Childcare Administration  
Marketing  
Pre-Law  
Vocational Ministry

**Bachelor of Religious  
Education  
Christian Service Major**  
with specializations in:  
Biblical Studies  
Christian Ministry  
Christian Studies  
Youth & Family Ministry

**Cooperative Programs**  
Elementary Education  
Secondary Education  
Technical Fields





## Employee Highlights

Serving as a trainer for consultant evaluators, **Dr. Michael Westerfield**, vice president for academic affairs, participated in the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in Chicago last spring. In July, he conducted a training session for new deans at the National Conference of Academic Deans at the University of Memphis.

The *Oakland Press* honored **Coach Garth Pleasant** in a feature on the front page of the sports section after he hit his 400th career victory. In an article entitled *Shooting Hoops with a Message*, the paper stated "Coach Pleasant is as intense on the bench during a crucial game as he is off the court trying to shape young college students into responsible men and women ready to make a contribution."

Based upon the recommendation of a former student, **Joe Bentley**, associate professor of music, has been named to the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Only 5% of the nation's teachers are recognized by the publication.

Participating in the 100th anniversary Boston Marathon, **Michael Light**, cross country and track coach, completed the 26.2 mile run with over 28,000 individuals from around the world. Coach Light passed over 10,000 runners by beginning in position 20,366 and finishing in position 9,813.

Rochester featured **Dr. John Todd**, associate professor of business law, as speaker for their annual Memorial Day parade. Dr. Todd is the recipient of numerous military decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross for Valor.

**Dr. David Fleer**, associate professor of religion and communication, preached for the North Warren Church of Christ on an interim basis during the summer. Last spring, he served as a panelist on the Pepperdine University Lectureship.

Speaking from the book of I Peter, **Dr. Mel Storm**, associate professor of religion, taught two classes at the Harding University Lectureship in September. He discussed the topic *Chosen for Life: Becoming God's Own People*.

**Steve Jones**, assistant professor of business, recently agreed to serve on an Academy of Management committee that is assigned with the task of formulating AACSB accreditation standards for entrepreneur programs. Last spring, Mr. Jones made a presentation on the impact of federal regulations on small businesses at the Southwestern Small Business Institute Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Soon after receiving career counselor certification from the National Board for Certified Counselors, **Dr. Ben Noah**, assistant professor of human services, received his Ph.D. in human services from Walden University.

## Worth Repeating

Following the Michigan Collegiate Job Fair, the director of training and recruiting for Mutual of Omaha wrote to Dr. Ben Noah, director of career guidance, stating "I spoke with a few of your students at the fair and will be interviewing a couple of them very soon. We were very impressed with the quality and maturity of the students."

Focus, a performing group from the college, visited Pennsylvania Christian Camp this past summer. After their visit, the Admissions Office received a letter from the director, praising one of the members of Focus for providing a listening ear and guidance for one of their campers. He stated, "You sent us more than a singing/drama group. You gave us men and women who obviously have hearts for God and who are willing to serve."

Describing a conversation at a meeting of motel managers, one recently wrote to the college about the reaction of a colleague to a team that stayed at her motel. "For a good ten minutes, she enthused about the team's good behavior and nice manners. Finally, when I could get a word in edgewise, I asked 'Is this the team from Michigan Christian College?' and she said, 'Yes! That's the one!' I personally was not surprised."

## Doubleday releases professor's book

Doubleday, one of the nation's leading publishers, recently released *Good Kids*, a new book by nationally-recognized author, lecturer, and researcher, Dr. Michael A. O'Donnell. Just prior to the release of his new book, Dr. O'Donnell accepted a position as professor of family studies and chairman of the human services department at Michigan Christian College.

"I was first moved in the direction of Michigan Christian College by the vision of Dr. Ken Johnson," stated Dr. O'Donnell. "Dr. Johnson inspires confidence and revived in me a sense of mission for serving the church in the northern corridor of the United States."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Dr. O'Donnell has served as a vice president for Northeastern Christian College, a dean for Faulkner University, and as an associate professor and director of the Center for Fathering at Abilene Christian University. Last year, he lived in Philadelphia while completing research and writing projects.

In addition to addressing over sixty state and national conferences over the last five years, Dr. O'Donnell spoke to the United Nations in Vienna in 1995. His work has been featured in over 100 television and radio interviews and over 100 magazine and newspaper features.

Dr. O'Donnell's latest book, *Good Kids: How You and Your Kids Can Successfully Navigate the Teen Years*, is designed to introduce readers to vital keys for teen success. Based upon ground-breaking research by Dr. O'Donnell and coauthor Dr. Nick Stinnett of the University of Alabama, each chapter of the book contains real-life stories of teen-



Barnes & Noble hosts Dr. O'Donnell for a *Good Kids* book signing.

age success and failure, and offers practical tips to help both parents and teens make plans that can improve their lives.

In addition to *Good Kids*, Dr. O'Donnell is author or coauthor of six other books. *How a Man Prepares His Sons for Life*, released this past June, is one of Bethany Houses' new *Lifeskills Books for Men*, their bestselling nonfiction series of all time. EO Productions of Hollywood has purchased movie rights for *A Question of Honor: The Cheating Scandal That Rocked Annapolis and a Midshipman Who Decided to Tell the Truth*, also released this year by Harper Collins/Zondervan.

"Being at Michigan Christian College has been wonderfully affirming," noted Dr. O'Donnell. "Everyone has gone out of their way to make me and my wife, Rachel, feel welcomed. We have been so impressed by the quality of the faculty and staff and how they have given their lives to Christian nurturing in a quality academic setting."

## O'Donnell Books

*Good Kids*

*Heart of the Warrior: A Battle Plan for Christian Men*

*Heart of the Warrior: A Battle Plan for Fathers to Reclaim Their Families*

*Home from Oz: Finding Contentment in Your Family*

*How a Man Prepares His Sons for Life*

*A Question of Honor*

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## Home School Science camp expands

"Thank you so much for the wonderful week of learning and fun at science camp," stated Julie Robbins, a participant in the college's first Home School Science Camp. "I hope and pray God will continue to bless you so this science camp will continue."

According to David Brackney, instructor of physical science and director of the program, Julie can look forward to another year of camp. "Since we filled the program last summer, we plan to expand into a second week," stated Mr. Brackney. "Tenta-

tively, we plan to offer two sessions in July, one for grades 8-10 and another for grades 10-12."

College officials planned the camp to meet a growing need among families choosing home schooling for their children. Most are not able to provide laboratory experiences, so the Science Camp provided a five-day program with laboratory projects in biology, earth science, chemistry, and physical science.

"Our daughter and I both had apprehensions beforehand that the camp would be too structured, tense, and conservative," wrote the parent of one camper. "But it was none of those things. Our daughter was able to be herself and learned a lot about science and people."

The same satisfied parent continued, "I'm science illiterate, working through fears of science that I developed in grade school and high school. I guess this is God's way of helping me through my fears and hopefully helping my daughter and other home schoolers learn science!"



Microscope lab projects highlight a Science Camp participant's week.

## Women's teams enter second decade

Women's athletics at Michigan Christian College entered a second decade of competition at the opening of the fall semester. The college originally expanded the intercollegiate program to include a wider array of women's sports in the fall of 1986.

"Over the past ten years, our competition level and player quality have improved dramatically," stated Barry Wheeler, volleyball and basketball coach.

"We are excited to see how the program continues to develop over the next decade."

"When our women's program began, we primarily played smaller colleges," noted Coach Wheeler. "Now, we play NAIA and NCAA colleges and universities for many of our games."

Even though the teams compete on a higher level, they have done so effectively. "Last year, we not only came within one or

two points of defeating several NAIA institutions; we actually won basketball games with the bigger colleges," stated Coach Wheeler. "We even came within three points of playing for the national volleyball championship in the NSCAA."

Contributing to their success with larger institutions, the amount of available talent has increased in recent years. "When we started our program, we often took bench players to fill the team," noted Coach Wheeler. "Now the players are seeking us out and most are coming in with league or state honors from class A high schools."

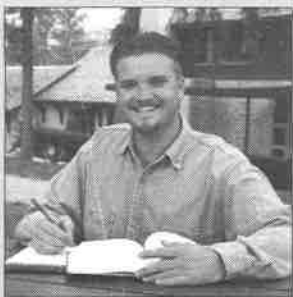
"During the next decade, we look forward to construction of a new athletic center," stated Coach Wheeler. "It is difficult to run a national tournament at an off-campus site as we have done over the past two years. It is hard to find locations for games and attendance fluctuates because of the inconvenience."

"Already, we have some of the best fans. Those attending the games really support us," remarked Coach Wheeler. "A new center can only enhance our program and its success."



Coach Wheeler provides sideline instructions for the basketball team.

### Why?



Why does Michigan Christian College exist? Because of students like Jim!

Jim Lewis is a senior from Morgantown, West Virginia. This past summer, he traveled to Trujillo, Honduras with a teen mission group as part of his internship experience.

"These past four years at Michigan Christian College have been great," commented Jim. "My degree program has proved to be a well-balanced program of scholarship and personal spiritual mentoring."

While pursuing his studies, Jim has participated in a number of performing groups. "My involvement with Autumn, Spectrum, the A Cappella Chorus, and Pied Pipers has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life," he stated. "It's a pleasure to work with qualified, experienced professionals of the performance arts."

## Assembly makes debut

Last spring, Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college, hosted a group of students at his home. "Based upon some of the informal comments I heard that evening, I realized that we needed to take a hard look at chapel and find ways to make it more meaningful for the students," stated Dr. Johnson.

In early summer, college officials chose *assembly* as the new name for daily chapel. As summer continued, a committee, chaired by Dr. Mike Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs, developed a new format and structure for assembly.

"We wrote a mission statement which addressed the spiritual and educational aspects of assembly," stated Dr. Westerfield. "We then designed a structure to meet those goals, including the establishment of specific days for worship, speakers, and small group discussion."

"I enjoy the days that we use the entire period for worship," stated Wendy Robertson, a senior childcare management student from Flushing, Michigan. "The whole program is definitely more uplifting this year because the students are more excited about being there."

Tony Shaver, a senior social work student from Cambridge, Ohio commented, "I like the variety this year. Breaking the days designated entirely for worship with a special day for speakers and another for small groups makes the worship days less repetitious. The worship days are now special and I now look forward to them even more."

"Students are more involved

in assembly this year because every day is not the same," stated Jamie Lambrecht, a sophomore business major from Brandon, Florida. "I really like small group day," she continued. "We share things on our heart and really get to know one another."

"The college's strong emphasis on spirituality and relationships really stands out," stated Dr. Michael O'Donnell, a new professor. "I love assembly, particularly employee assembly, where you can really sense the presence of the Lord in our midst." While college employees participate in student assembly on most days, they, too, meet as a group one day each week.



Students and group leaders listen attentively as thoughts are shared during a small group assembly.

## Molding Futures ...



Dr. Mel Storm, Deborah Haskell, and Joyce Duvall

Good instructors are the heart of a quality academic program. The lives of students at Michigan Christian College are molded not only through strong experiences in the classroom, but by individual attention and personal relationships with instructors. Some of the outstanding faculty members that serve the students of Michigan Christian College are introduced below.

Understanding the challenges of full-time ministers from firsthand experience, **Dr. Mel Storm**, associate professor of religion and chairman of the religion department, teaches from the perspective of a former minister and an individual currently serving as an elder. A native of California, Dr. Storm received both his bachelor's degree and his master's degree from Pepperdine University, where he taught on a part-time basis before joining the faculty of Michigan Christian College in 1986. He also holds a Ph.D. from Baylor University.

Joining the faculty of Michigan Christian College this fall, **Deborah Haskell**, assistant professor of English, brings substantial teaching experience from three other institutions of similar heritage, Northeastern Christian Junior College, Ohio Valley College, and International Christian University of Vienna, Austria. She holds an associate degree from Northeastern Christian Junior College, a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University, and a master's degree from Columbia Pacific University.

Experiences in guidance counseling for public schools and residential services for a children's home enrich the classroom settings of **Joyce Duvall**, assistant professor of psychology. After completing a degree at Michigan Christian College in 1963, she earned a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University and a master's degree from Kutztown State University. Based on documentation she prepared prior to joining the faculty of Michigan Christian College this fall, her previous institution received exemplary status as one of the twelve outstanding vocational programs in the nation.



## Key college leader honored by new scholarship

Honoring a key leader in the history of Michigan Christian College, friends and family of Royce Dickinson recently established an endowed scholarship in his memory. "Few individuals characterize the sacrifice required to build a college better than Royce Dickinson," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "In his work as a volunteer, as an employee, and as a board member, Royce symbolizes the spirit of Michigan Christian College."

With a diverse background in business, preaching, and the F.B.I., Mr. Dickinson began teaching part-time at Michigan Christian College on a volunteer basis in the fall of 1972. "Immediately, Dr. Gardner, president of the college, recognized the level of skill and talent that Royce possessed," stated Larry Stewart, director of admissions at that time. "Before long, Dr. Gardner persuaded Royce to begin work as vice president."

As vice president of the college, Mr. Dickinson supervised the business office and maintenance department, and chaired the student life committee. "Royce came to the college at a

very challenging time in the institution's history," stated Dr. Larry Journey, former dean. "If he had not guided carefully the college's funds to maintain buildings, pay debts, and track pledges, the college likely would not have survived."

"For some time, Royce continued to preach for the Gateway Church of Christ, so he commuted to the campus," stated his wife Betty. "He would spend the week on campus, using a room in one of the residence halls." For months, Mr. Dickinson served without pay to help improve the college's financial status.

"Royce and I worked on the discipline committee together," stated Don Robinson, former director of student life. "Royce was a strict disciplinarian, but he was also a gentle, loving, and forgiving man. As a young college administrator, I learned a great deal from this Godly man."

Mrs. Dickinson cited maintenance as one of her husband's greatest challenges. "He developed ulcers over this part of his job," she stated. Mr. Robinson recalled, "One year, the night before the students were to move into the dorms, Royce worked

with the staff until after midnight installing new carpet."

Debi Hoggatt, who knew Mr. Dickinson as a student and as an admissions counselor recalled, "I always think of going in his office to ask something and facing the sign on his desk, 'Blessed are they that expect nothing, for they shall not be disappointed.' His dry sense of humor made interactions enjoyable, even when he said 'no'. He had a solid air of confidence that brought calm to

any situation. He always knew exactly what to do."

After leaving employment with the college in 1978, Mr. Dickinson began a successful tenure on the Board of Trustees. He served as vice chairman from 1980 to 1986, and as chairman from 1986 until a year before his death in 1994. His wife, Betty, and three children, Royce Dickinson, Jr., Edward Dickinson, and Kathy Duesel are all graduates of Michigan Christian College.

## Former president leaves rich legacy

Christian education lost one of its greatest champions on September 11, 1996. On that day, Dr. Don Gardner, third president of Michigan Christian College, died at age 69, following a heart attack.

During his remarkable life, Dr. Gardner served as the president of four Christian colleges, and as an administrator for two others. At the time of his death, he and his wife, Audrey, were leading the National Christian School Association, an organization of 109 schools and academies affiliated with the churches of Christ.

"At least three colleges attribute their current existence to Dr. Gardner," stated Larry Stewart, who worked with Dr. Gardner for six years. "He not only had a profound influence on those institutions, but on the lives of those who knew him. To this day, I find myself dealing with situations in ways that Dr. Gardner taught by example."

"Dr. Gardner could inspire us to do our best," stated Dr. Larry Journey, former dean. "We would come away from weekly meetings with new projects, new tasks, and new ideas. Often we felt like we were doing multiple jobs, but we were happy to do so. We felt we were a part of building something great."

During Dr. Gardner's presidency at Michigan Christian College from 1971 to 1978, gift income tripled and enrollment doubled. At the same time, the college achieved accreditation and reduced its debt by almost 50%. He originated the Partnership Dinner and Phone-a-Visit, and conceptualized Celebration in Song and Autumn.

"The thing I loved most about Dr. Gardner was his vision," stated Randy Gill, an original member of Autumn and former choral director. "He had an uncanny ability to see things no-

body else saw. Whether it was spotting potential in a young and untested teacher or being able to visualize greatness in a college others had written off, Dr. Gardner could find the best in anyone and in any place."

"Dr. Gardner knew how to inspire people to achieve so much," stated Don Robinson, former student life director. "He somehow knew what great potential people had and he inspired them to put that potential into motion." Garth Pleasant, who shared the first year with Dr. Gardner, stated, "He always seemed to be a step ahead and gave all his energy to the task at hand."

Kent Hoggatt, an admissions counselor under Dr. Gardner, stated, "He appeared to have an inexhaustible pool of ideas and energy to match! He was successful in enlisting others and involving them in his dreams." Mr. Hoggatt added, "You could not outwork Dr. Gardner!"

"Dr. and Mrs. Gardner were the greatest motivational team I have ever worked with," noted Mr. Robinson. "They inspired hundreds of young people to reach for the heavens. Their vision and their faith in what God could do with me, led me on a journey that I could never have made on my own."

## Program for ministers draws renewed interest

Michigan Christian College recently redesigned its professional ministry program, which quickly began drawing attention upon release of program details. "We sent out about 200 letters to graduates of Sunset International Bible Institute and received about a dozen calls within days," stated Dr. David Fleer, program director.

With thirty-eight hours of course work from another college and a diploma from a school of preaching or Bible college, an individual can earn a bachelor's degree with as few as thirty credits. "Since the program allows individuals to complete much of the work from their hometown, we already have students from such places as Texas, Florida, Ohio, and Israel enrolled in the program," noted Dr. Fleer.

"The program offers four ex-

citing methods of degree completion," Dr. Fleer continued. "Students earn credit through on-campus seminars, a life experience portfolio, critical book reviews, and a senior thesis." Seminars are offered in one-week blocks to minimize the amount of time a minister must spend away from his home.

Mark Frost, minister of the Trenton Church of Christ, taught one of the seminar classes last spring. After the class ended, he commented, "The mix of regular ministerial students with seasoned ministers like Daniel Rouse and Jeffery Smith of the 1,700-member Sunset Church of Christ of Lubbock, Texas, was an incredible learning experience for everyone."

For details about the degree, contact Dr. David Fleer, program director at (810) 650-6033.

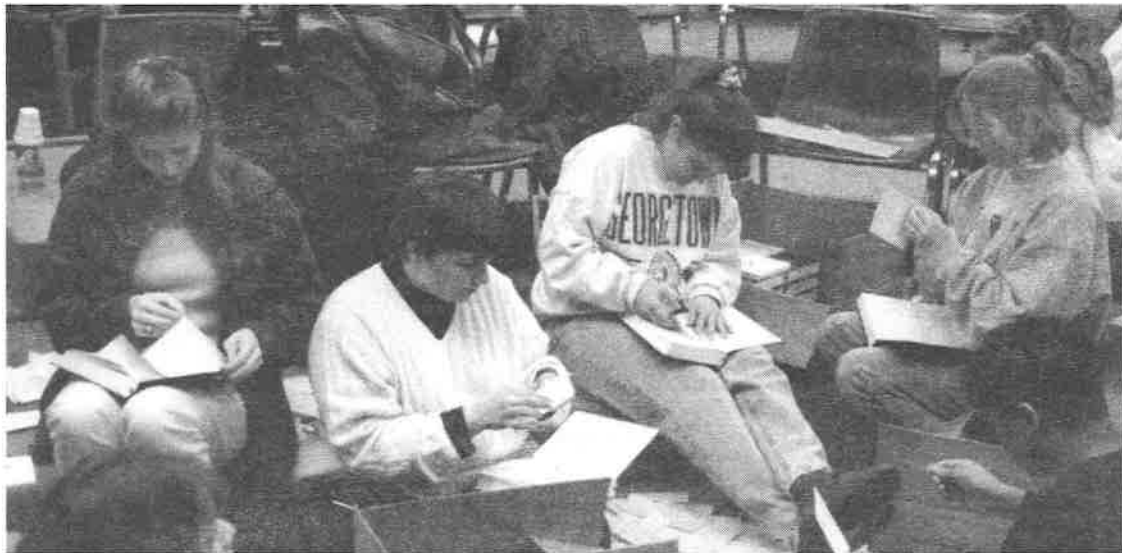
### Dedication

Two special men guided Michigan Christian College through pivotal years in the 1970's. Their unique blend of creative leadership and sound management skills helped position the college for further growth. This issue of the *North Star* is lovingly dedicated to Dr. Don Gardner and Royce Dickinson.

### Remembering When ...



TOP LEFT: Royce Dickinson provides quality instruction in a 1975 accounting class. TOP RIGHT: Dr. Gardner visits with students in his home during Faculty Firesides in 1975. BOTTOM: Audrey Gardner, Betty Dickinson, and Royce Dickinson visit with board members at a 1974 luncheon.



Members of the A Cappella Chorus place name plates and copies of the Alma Mater in the new songbooks.

## New songbook donated by publisher

Providing a key tool for campus worship, Howard Publishing Company of West Monroe, Louisiana, recently donated 425 copies of *Songs of Faith and Praise* to Michigan Christian College. "For some time, several campus individuals had been

sharing their desire to obtain the new book," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "We were so excited when Alton Howard agreed to provide copies for the college community."

*Songs of Faith and Praise* features 1,030 songs and readings designed for public worship. As stated in the introduction of the book, "*Songs of Faith and Praise* was compiled with a commitment to inspire authentic worship among believers today." The introduction continues by describing the song selection as "the greatest variety of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs ever assembled."

"I believe this hymnal represents the best of our older song traditions, as well as the newer literature that our young people are embracing," stated Joe Bentley, director of music activities. "It balances the needs of all generations. It is very important that we, as an educational insti-

tution, expose our students to a variety of music. This hymnal helps us address that need."

"One of the features of the book that appeals to me is the use of song medleys," stated Frank Pitts, instructor of music. "The medleys help carry a common theme while mixing various styles of music. The uninterrupted thought enhances the worship experience."

Both individual copies and quantities of *Songs of Faith and Praise* can be ordered from the Michigan Christian College Bookstore by calling the store toll-free at 1-800-521-6010.

### Example

Hundreds of dedicated individuals have supported Michigan Christian College for decades. Featured in the Bristol Road Church of Christ bulletin as she celebrated her 93rd birthday, Jesse Talmadge of Flint, Michigan, is one of those people. Like clockwork, the college receives a gift from Mrs. Talmadge every month. Such individuals have built Michigan Christian College!



## Campaign offers honor designations

"Just want to thank you for the wonderful Christmas you gave us," wrote a mother to one of her children after learning that a plaque honoring her and her husband would be placed in a room of the new residence hall. "The name plate for the college was such an honor. I will be so proud to see the family name there for a long time. We have always loved Michigan Christian College. It has made such a difference in our family."

Many individuals and families have been touched by the efforts of Michigan Christian College over the past three decades. Opportunities to honor such individuals or families in the new residence hall complex are still available, ranging from major portions of the building yet to be named to name plates on individual rooms. Such expressions of love and honor will live for years to come as hundreds of students pass through the doors of Michigan Christian College.

If you are interested in honoring someone in the new residence hall complex with an honor gift, please contact Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college, or the Development Office toll-free at 1-800-521-6010. A representative of the college would be happy to provide you with additional information about this special opportunity.

## Planned Giving Matters

Anyone who listens to the news hears about the problems of the Social Security system and other federal programs that benefit those who are retired. The Social Security trust fund is now predicted by the Social Security Administration to be out of money by the year 2029.

How are babyboomers effected by those reports? With one babyboomer turning 50 every seven and one-half seconds, babyboomers are now making different plans with their financial resources.

Here are some suggestions for adapting to these changes, yet still having the flexibility to donate to your favorite charitable organizations:

- ◆ Consider adding your favorite nonprofit organizations as charitable beneficiaries to your retirement accounts.
- ◆ If you are over age 59 1/2 and you would like to make a cash gift to an organization, consider withdrawing the gift amount from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) or other qualified plans. The gift amount will be subject to income tax, but will also qualify as a deductible gift. Basically, no tax is paid on the retirement account funds given by most who itemize their deductions.
- ◆ Similarly, if you are over age 70 1/2, the law requires you to make withdrawals from your IRA's. If you find that you do not need the money for living expenses, it can be economically donated as a gift. Such gifts can be determined on an annual basis, so funds are not tied up in case they are needed for medical expenses or other costs.

If you are interested in one or more of these giving plan options, contact your financial advisor or call the Michigan Christian College Development Office at 1-800-521-6010.

Doug Edwards  
Vice President for Major Gifts

## Fall Festival adjusts to construction

Rainy weather and construction provided a challenging setting for Fall Festival, but Associates and guests alike adjusted and the day continued on track. "Fall Festival was damp and rainy but faithful supporters of Michigan Christian College were there with helping hands and warm hearts to make it the special day that it always is," stated Barbara O'Rourke, president of the Associates.

Over forty booths participated in the day. Rain kept only a few from operating, and "all plan to be back next year," stated Benita Ward, chairman of the festival committee. Those receiving first place ribbons for decoration of booths included the Chase Road chapter in the outside area, Livonia in the craft tent, Metro in the food tent, and Ypsilanti in the children's area.

Throughout the summer, numerous local chapters sponsored projects on behalf of the queen candidates, Sue Garner of the Echo Meadows chapter, and Janice Parent of the Pontiac chapter. In an afternoon ceremony, former queen Jeanne Runnels crowned Janice Parent as the 1996 queen, and the Associates presented the college with a check for \$22,400 from the queen contest.

Adding a new dimension to the festival, three candidates participated in a princess contest. Molly Thomas of Sterling



Queen Janice Parent shares honors with Princess Molly Thomas.

Heights, daughter of Mike and Simone Thomas, alumni of the college, and granddaughter of Wilma Thomas, a longtime Associate, won honors as the first Fall Festival Princess.

The annual beautiful babies contest raised \$551.41. Madeline Thomas of Sterling Heights received the largest number of votes, followed by Zachery Slater of Lansing, Michigan, and Ron Garner of Sylvania, Ohio.

Totalling queens contest proceeds with those from the actual festival day, the Associates raised over \$28,500 through the 1996 festival. The group will host their thirty-eighth festival next fall.

## Associates Holiday Craft Show

November 16  
MCC  
Campus



crafts  
gifts  
food  
Santa  
prizes



## Volunteer projects improve campus

Volunteers made their mark on campus during the past summer as various groups assisted with three campus beautification projects. Mary Johnson, wife of the college's president, coordinated efforts of the various groups through chapters of the Associates.

Early in the spring, women from a number of chapters planted flowers near the campus entrances, by the residence halls, and around Gallaher Center. "The campus really looked pretty after the group finished," stated Mrs. Johnson. "By the time the day ended, they planted over 1,000 flowers."

Those assisting with the flower planting project included Doris Dunn, Margaret Hadfield, Lora Jones, Ann Luchsinger, Garnell Martinez, Lorene McDonald, Barbara O'Rourke, Catherine Sadurski, Helen Slater, Mary Utley, Donna White, and Alber Williams.

A short time later, a number of individuals assisted with redecoration of the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall lobby. "With new



Volunteers from the Associates plant flowers at the campus entrance.

carpet, reupholstered furniture, new paint, and cosmetic repairs, the lobby looks nearly as good as when the dorm was brand new," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college, in his monthly letter to the Associates.

"This fine project could not have been done without the help of our Associates and their husbands," Dr. Johnson continued. Those assisting with the lobby

renovation project included Bob and Betty Bell, Joe Bentley, Otis and Irene Gatewood, Roy and Mabel Luxton, Clovis Meixner, Kay Norman and her mother, Doris, Jim O'Rourke, and Ed and Catherine Sadurski.

Just prior to the opening of the fall semester, a group from the Roseville chapter of the Associates spent part of the day on campus to assist with painting in the interior of the gymnasium. Those participating in the project included Rhonda Andreski, Karen Hamilton, Brenda Phelps, Jenny Price, Sarah Price, Lisa Westerman, Diana Woloszyk, and Marcia Woloszyk.

"Efforts of these special volunteer groups are so important to the college," stated Dr. Johnson. "Even though our maintenance staff completes several renovation projects each year, there are always plenty of others that can be accomplished as well. Each effort makes the campus more attractive as the years pass."



Students enjoy improvements in the Gatewood Residence Hall lobby.

## Development Council increases membership

Designed as an expanding organization, the Development Council of Michigan Christian College recently doubled its membership and experienced its first change in leadership since forming in 1994. The organization welcomed thirty-two new families at their semiannual meeting in September.

"We are excited to be able to invite these new families to the Development Council," stated Phil Conner, campus coordinator for the group. "The council has quickly become a valuable tool for the college. The diversity of the membership ensures that every viewpoint of our constituency is represented."

Currently, sixty-four families make up the council, including representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario. At their meetings, the council discusses and makes rec-

ommendations for college efforts in fund raising, alumni and public relations, career placement, and recruitment. Members also assist the college with those efforts in their hometowns.

Pat Kirby of Rochester Hills, president of Megatech Engineering, began his role as chairman of the council at the September meeting. Dave Zito, a 1976 graduate of Michigan Christian College and owner of Assembly Specialists in Painesville, Ohio, began his duties as vice chairman. They replaced Gregg Carrier of Clio, Michigan, and Bob Norton II of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who both accepted positions on the Board of Trustees.

"Gregg and Bob are going to be missed on the council," stated Mr. Conner. "Their leadership has been instrumental in the success we have enjoyed up to this point. Following two successful



Painters from Roseville take a break from efforts in the gymnasium.

leaders, I believe Pat Kirby and Dave Zito will do an outstanding job in their new roles. Both are excited about the future of Michigan Christian College and are more than willing to use their skills to help lead this important volunteer organization."



### Distinguished Christian Servant Awards

LEFT: Dr. Ken Johnson presents the award to Harold and Helen Stater of Dearborn, Michigan. BELOW: Recipients recognized at the fall lectureship for long-term service to the church in the North include Aaron and Reta Herren of New Lenox, Illinois; Eugene and Evelyn Perry of Beamsville, Ontario; Warren and Mary Etta Whitelaw of Allen Park, Michigan; Glenn and Kathryn Olbright of Liverpool, New York; and Dr. James and Marva Thompson of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.



On Sunday, October 6, I heard a series of reports on the state of the church in the Great Lakes region. As I review my notes from that meeting, two conclusions are very clear:

- ◆ Great Lakes area churches have a critical need for trained and prepared leaders.
- ◆ Worldliness is a curse that plagues the church community of the 1990's.

Most of you who read the *North Star* share these concerns. You have deep commitments to the body of Christ. You are genuinely interested in passing faith from generation to generation. You know how the Christian college complements the home and the local church. You see your investment in Christian education as a long-term investment in tomorrow's family, church, and community.

Michigan Christian College students sit at the feet of capable, dedicated Christian teachers who model leadership and spirituality. This college is a tool in the hand of God and the church. Your participation in this work helps build the infrastructure of the Kingdom - knowledge, jobs, homes, relationships - and the Great Lakes community is blessed by your involvement.

Dr. J



First lady Mary Johnson welcomes guests to the national conference.

## Associates host special conference on campus

Representatives of nine Christian colleges and universities associated with churches of Christ converged on the campus of Michigan Christian College this past summer for their annual Associated Women for Christian Education Conference. "We had a wonderful weekend," stated Mary Utley, chairman of the conference committee. "It benefited all of us to see what other support groups are doing for a common cause."

In addition to Michigan Christian College, institutions represented at the conference included Abilene Christian University, Cascade College, Lipscomb University, Freed-Hardeman University, Harding University, Lubbock Christian University, and Ohio Valley College.

"After the conference, we received letters from most of the representatives," noted Mrs. Utley. "It was obvious that everyone on the committee did their job well because several commented on how well the conference was organized."

"We invited our entire membership to participate in the conference," stated Mrs. Utley. "It became even more apparent to those attending how the other groups consider the Associates of Michigan Christian College a

model program. Listening to the respect that others have for our organization made us all feel good about our efforts for Michigan Christian College."

"In addition to comparing fund raising efforts, we also discussed the opportunities for fellowship that our groups provide," remarked Mrs. Utley. "Most of the colleges and universities that attended the conference have a membership that is spread over a large area and is not able to fellowship with one other. Many noticed the large concentration of our membership that is located in the area surrounding the college and the wonderful fellowship that we enjoy."

"Like usual, we picked up some good ideas for future projects," noted Mrs. Utley. "But more importantly, the weekend helped us appreciate our rich heritage."

## Honor Gifts

### RICHARD & GLADYS ADAMS

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Annette Riley



## Memorial Gifts

November 1, 1995  
to October 24, 1996

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Livonia Church of Christ

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Mildred Bell  
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Leo & Ruth Casey  
Elizabeth Covert-Temple

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Frank & Beverly Segedi  
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Gerald & Nancy DeClercq

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Carole Greco  
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Mildred Bell

Every year, many individuals send special gifts to Michigan Christian College as a tribute to the memory of friends and relatives, or in honor of special people. Memorial gifts and honor gifts may be sent to the Office of the President, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Be sure to include 1) your name and full address, 2) the name of the person being honored by the gift, and 3) the name and address of the person to receive an acknowledgment card.

## MCC Needs

The following college needs could be met by donations of serviceable equipment:

automobiles (any size)  
lawn mowers  
computers (386 or above)  
computer monitors  
computer printers  
overhead projectors  
photocopiers  
4-wheel drive pickup  
upright piano

To discuss donation of an item, phone Mark Davis, vice president for operations, at 1-800-521-6010.



## Worth Repeating

Conveying a sincere message to his congregation, Merle Alberts, an alumnus, recently wrote in a church bulletin, "While Michigan Christian College goes about its business quietly, we must become a bit more vocal about the college's welfare. If the churches of Christ will not provide a Christian education for our youngsters, who will?"

"You have a vested interest. After all, MCC will probably supply your next preacher, perhaps your next eldership, and undoubtedly most of your Bible class teachers. Were it not for the college, your preacher would have only a fraction of his education. If I've ever delivered a good sermon, if I've been a good preacher, if I've done any good at all for the Utica church, honor this with a gift to my college, Michigan Christian College."

## Classes begin reunion planning for next summer

Prior to the close of summer, representatives from three classes contacted Michigan Christian College to schedule reunions for the summer of 1997. "Even though I had taken my turn at planning two reunions, I did not want to miss the opportunity for everyone to get together," stated Brenda Phillips, a member of the class of 1977. Ten years ago, Brenda planned one of the first of many summer reunions that have taken place over the past several years.

In addition to the reunion scheduled for the class of 1977 from July 11-12, a reunion for the class of 1987 has been slated for July 4-5 by Lisa (Barnett) Cain and Lori (Truex) Calkin, and another for the class of 1962 for July 18-19 by Dean and Mary (Branstetter) Moore.

This past summer, the class of 1976 hosted a twenty-year reunion for class members. Participants traveled from Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Ontario, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee for the weekend event. Planners Barb (Cossa) Harrell and Debbie (Craig) Shepard organized the reunion based upon experience



Members of the class of 1976 gather in front of the Associates Campus Center for a group photograph.

they received from planning their fifteen-year reunion in 1991.

Each reunion is scheduled, organized, and promoted by volunteers from specific classes. The type and amount of formal activity varies from class to class. College officials provide lists and mailing labels of class members as needed, schedule campus fa-

cilities, and provide guidance for the reunion planners.

"Every summer, participants are so excited to be together again," stated Larry Stewart, coordinator of alumni activities. "Many comment about how quickly the years melt away and how easily old friendships are rekindled. It has been rewarding

to watch many who had lost contact with one another begin having regular contact again."

Anyone interested in scheduling additional reunions should contact Larry Stewart at 1-800-521-6010 (option 4). In particular, a volunteer from the class of 1967 is needed to plan and promote a thirty-year reunion.

## University of Michigan honors recent graduate

"Some of my friends were skeptical when I made the decision to attend Michigan Christian College," stated Andy Chan, a former student of the college. "But after I was accepted at the University of Michigan School of Nursing based upon my work at Michigan Christian College, their attitudes began to change!"

Andy completed his nursing degree last spring, but not without making quite a mark on the University of Michigan School of Nursing. In addition to graduating with academic honors, Andy received the institution's Exceptional Student Leader Award, the A. Josephine Brown Award for demonstrated excellence and outstanding achievement in community health nursing, the Rhoda Reddig Russell Alumni

Award, and the School of Nursing Student Recognition Award for *Unsung Hero*.

While attending the University of Michigan, Andy worked as a nursing assistant for Mott Children's Hospital during the summer months. He also became actively involved in health promotion and disease prevention programs for the Chinese people of metropolitan Detroit.

Andy often made special trips to the campus of Michigan Christian College in past months to attend assembly and to visit with former instructors. He noted, "The faculty of Michigan Christian College has always been very supportive. The college has helped me to grow spiritually and to succeed academically. For that I am very thankful."

## Second-generation students break record

Records tumbled as the largest group of sons and daughters of former students entered Michigan Christian College this fall. Nearly 200 second-generation students have enrolled since 1977.

### alumni dads

John Axe (63)  
Ed Berta (64)  
Bill Brooks (71)  
Jim Bruce (67)  
Jim Bruce (67)  
David Case (67)  
Stanley Daniel (73)  
David Fields (65)  
David Fulton (74)  
Ken Handley (70)  
Ken Handley (70)

Marvin King (70)  
Randy Milam (64)  
James Nelson (68)

Garry Qualls (74)

Richard Rutherford (66)  
John Scott (74)  
Dave Simons (91)

Bob Sowles (68)  
Bob Sowles (68)  
Ed Stewart (71)  
Ed Stewart (71)  
Mark Stowe (74)  
Lawrence Suggs (71)

Don Tucker (76)  
Bryan Waideo (73)  
Art Williams (66)  
Glenn Wilson (72)

### current students

Erin Axe, Waterford, Michigan\*\*  
Kim Berta, Marquette, Michigan\*  
Shelley Brooks, Allen Park, Michigan\*  
Melissa Bruce, Troy, Michigan\*  
Steven Bruce, Troy, Michigan\*\*  
Aaron Case, Troy, Michigan\*  
Senoil Daniel, Detroit, Michigan\*  
Matthew Fields, Bedford, Indiana\*\*  
Kristen Fulton, San Antonio, Texas\*\*  
Autumn Handley, Jackson, Michigan\*  
David Handley, Jackson, Michigan\*\*  
Melissa Herren, Riverdale, Michigan\*  
Holly Johnson, Garden City, Michigan\*\*  
Miranda Jones, Canton, Michigan\*  
Chris King, St. Clair Shores, Michigan\*\*  
Linc Milam, Roseville, Michigan\*  
Lori Nelson, Chelsea, Michigan\*\*  
Tiffany Nickols, Woodhaven, Michigan\*\*  
Angie Qualls, Plainfield, Indiana\*\*  
Serenity Raper, Colorado Springs, Colorado\*\*  
Cheryl Raterman, Orient, Ohio\*  
Bryce Rutherford, Flint, Michigan\*  
John Scott, Atlanta, Michigan\*\*  
Bill Simons, Hedgesville, West Virginia\*  
Shelley Sledge, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan\*\*  
Kimberly Sowles, LaGrange, Indiana\*  
Robert Sowles, LaGrange, Indiana\*\*  
Eddie Stewart, Walled Lake, Michigan\*  
Heidi Stewart, Walled Lake, Michigan\*\*  
Jenny Stowe, Bel Air, Maryland\*  
Kara Suggs, Lima, Ohio\*\*  
Andrea Thornton, Burton, Michigan\*\*  
Amy Tice, New Baltimore, Michigan\*  
Lacey Todd, Rochester Hills, Michigan\*\*  
Rebecca Touchstone, Inkster, Michigan\*\*  
Aubrey Tucker, Millington, Michigan\*  
Khara Waideo, Northville, Michigan\*  
Bryan Williams, Troy, Michigan\*\*  
Shawn Wilson, Chattanooga, Tennessee\*\*

### alumni moms\*\*\*

Nancy Landrum (63)  
Barb Benham (71)  
Carol Anderson (67)  
Carol Anderson (67)  
Jackie Allen (67)

Linda Sanderson (65)

Brenda McCray (71)  
Sandy Johnson (72)  
Lila Ramsey (67)  
Sandy Bambacht (71)

Judy Miller (65)  
Dana Middleton (74)  
Jill Jost (77)  
Mary Crutchfield (69)

Gloria Williams (74)

Gladys Williams (69)

Judy Sparks (70)  
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Karen Bennett (65)  
Barbara Huff (61)  
Joyce Whitaker (67)  
Janie Handley (71)  
Louise Wiles (76)  
Debbi Starks (73)

Nita French (72)

( ) last academic year of regular attendance \* new student \*\* returning student \*\*\* name while attending MCC



MCC classmate John Brant shares graduation day with Andy Chan.

## Service Day

Volunteers from the Alumni Association again focused the activities of their annual Alumni Service Day on the Chinese Gardens. Last year, volunteers filled the old pools and prepared areas for seeding and flowers beds. This year, the group planted three truckloads of shrubs, perennials, and annuals in the garden, purchased with funds raised by the Association. Next year, the group plans to add more plants and a gazebo to the gardens, a favorite place of alumni.



## Second book completed by alumnus

Drawing upon his roots in Southeast Michigan for heartwarming stories about home, John W. Smith, a 1965 graduate of Michigan Christian College, achieved a lifetime ambition in 1993, when Twentieth Century Christian published his first book, *My Mother Played the Piano*. More recently, Mr. Smith again fulfilled his writing ambitions with the publication of a second book, *My Mother's Favorite Song*, released by Howard Publishing Company at the end of last year.

"*My Mother's Favorite Song* is full of down-to-earth stories about human relationships and the hope we can have in our relationship with Christ," stated Emma Brown in a book review for the *Gospel Advocate*. "Once again he has produced a very readable book that is difficult to put down."

"I was raised in the area of Michigan Christian College," commented Mr. Smith. "My parents and I were charter members of the Rochester Church of Christ. Clyde Utley was the first preacher that I remember. He was responsible for getting me up front as a boy to lead singing and answer Bible questions." L.C. (Clyde) Utley was the fa-

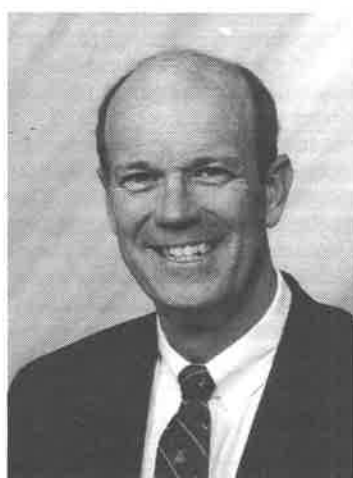
ther of Bob Utley, current chairman of the Michigan Christian College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Smith recalls with fondness many individuals from his days at Michigan Christian College, including such people as Otis Gatewood, Lucien Palmer, Lester Allen, Doyle Earwood, Bob Waggoner, Maurice Hall, and Coach Shinsky. "I remember many of the friends I met there, but of all the things Michigan Christian College gave to me, the greatest was my wife, Judi Parsons, who I met there in 1962." Judi currently teaches gifted and talented students in a magnet school near their home in San Diego, California.

After graduating from Michigan Christian College, Mr. Smith received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from North Arizona University. He taught in the public school system of Kingman, Arizona, for several years, while serving as a minister and an elder.

In the years that followed, Mr. Smith preached for churches in Texas and Alabama, and taught English at both Lubbock Christian University and Faulkner University.

In 1992, Mr. Smith took a sab-



John W. Smith

batical from full-time ministry to pursue his longtime writing ambitions. In addition to work on his writing projects over the next couple of years, he completed another master's degree from Lubbock Christian University and traveled extensively to make inspirational, motivational, and entertaining lectures at a variety of programs.

Mr. Smith returned to a role in full-time ministry in 1994, when he accepted his current position as pulpit minister of the Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego, California.

## Alumni News and Notes

1961

**Gary and Onita (McCray) Lutes** recently returned to the states after spending twenty-one years as missionaries in Chile. Gary is now serving as minister of the Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ. The couple still plans to spend at least one month of each year in Chile. They have two children at home, Marilu and Briana. Two of their three older daughters, Karla and Rita, attended MCC. The family resides at 1107 North Fairfield, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

1968

**Bill and Diane (Downey) Watkins** are living at 185 Reading Avenue, Hillsdale, MI 49242. Diane is secretary to the director of alumni relations at Hillsdale College, and Bill works for the Delphi division of General Motors. The couple has three children, Brian, Allison, and Andy.

**Patric Watkins** currently is serving as a financial aid officer for Faulkner University. Patric and his wife, Debbie, have two daughters, Lisa and Carrie. Patric serves as a deacon for the Dalraida Church of Christ. The family lives at 4317 Salinas Court, Montgomery, AL 36109.

1969

**Norman Seiders** recently declared his candidacy for the Rhode Island Senate. He is preaching for the Church of Christ in Warwick. Norm and his wife, Carol, live at 395 Hillard Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886.

1971

**Karl and Natalie (Kilmer-72) Randall** are living at 2374 Mattie Lu Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. Karl completed his J.D. at the Wayne State University Law School and is now the manager of aviation for Oakland County Airport. Natalie is a coun-

selor for the Troy Christian Counseling Center. The couple has two children, Adam and Kara.

1972

**Dean and Carolyn (Francisco-70) Smith** are living at 3302 Jenkins Drive, San Antonio, TX 78247. Dean is the minister of the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ and teaches part-time at the Institute of Christian Studies. Carolyn teaches preschool in the Christian Heritage Schools.

**Glenn and Nita (French) Wilson** currently are living at 1001 North Natchez #B-1, Chattanooga, TN 37405. Glenn is the administrator of Greater Chattanooga Christian Services and Children's Home. Nita works at the Christian Student Center of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. One of their two grown children, Shawn, is a student at Michigan Christian.

1973

**Dr. David Penn** recently received his counseling license and has opened a private psychotherapy and counseling practice in the greater suburban Chicago area. He also has been appointed as chaplain and psychotherapist specialist to the Robbins Police Department, and preaches for the Robbins Church of Christ. David and his wife, Brenda, live at 18629 Amlin Circle Drive, Country Club Hills, IL 60478.

1979

**Julie (Summerhayes) Harper** returned to EDS after serving for a year as manager of the MCC Bookstore. She is now a systems administrator for EDS, and her husband, Steve, is an advanced systems engineer. The couple has two children, Lauren and Dan. The family resides at 668 Sheffield, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, and can be e-mailed at voyagestar@aol.com.

Elizabeth Andrea joined Rebecca in the home of Larry and **Karen (Wiggins) Miller** on January 9. Larry is an engineer and Karen is a homemaker. The family resides at 5053 McLendon Drive, Antioch, TN 37013.

**Julianne Savard** is working as administrative assistant to the Orion Township Supervisor. She can be contacted at 160 Manitou Lane #8A, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

1981

**Shelley Boyd** is employed by the Easter Seals Society of Hawaii. She can be reached at 505 Kailua #A202, Kailua, HI 96734.

**Ginny (Gatcheff) Gehrig** and her husband, Jim, recently moved to 9124 Arbor Drive, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Ginny is working as a technical writer and Jim is an art director.

## Alumni e-mail directory introduced on the web

Expanding the basic services and information available on the Michigan Christian College web site, webmaster Shane Godmere recently added a series of new options for alumni. "We have received a lot of great ideas for our site, and we are trying to incorporate them as quickly as possible," stated Mr. Godmere.

A guestbook is now available for alumni registration. "The guestbook sorts entries both by last name and by class year," stated Larry Stewart, director of public relations and coordinator of alumni activities. "This option not only will help web users find specific individuals, but will encourage class members to contact others from their class. One

former student recently told us that he is now communicating regularly by e-mail with class members he barely knew while enrolled as a student."

The guestbook registration also provides an option for alumni to submit news information for publication in the *North Star*. "Already we have seen an increase in the amount of alumni news information coming to us," stated Mr. Stewart.

Alumni with web access are encouraged to contact the site at <http://www.michristian.edu> and register on the guestbook. Those without web access that would like to register their e-mail address may contact Larry Stewart at [lstewart@michristian.edu](mailto:lstewart@michristian.edu).

## We want to hear from you!

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public Relations, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

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MCC Years \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (maiden if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

MCC Years \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and send it to the college with this form.



## Alumni play vital role in Associates

Approaching their fortieth year of service, the Associates of Michigan Christian College have often noted the need for a new generation of women to fill roles in their organization. In recent years, alumni have started filling many of those roles, both as leaders in the organization and as members in local chapters.

Currently, four alumni serve as trustees for the Associates,

and two as executive officers. "These women are a tremendous asset to our work," stated Barbara O'Rourke, president of the Associates. "All of them are extremely active in spite of the fact that each one of them works outside of the home."

"I find my work with the Associates very fulfilling," stated Tammy (Robrock) Conner, a 1990 graduate of Michigan Christian

College. "One person may not be able to do a lot by themselves, but by being involved in a group like the Associates, they can have a major impact on the college."

In addition to Mrs. Conner, Susan (Ward) Kowalski, class of 1984, Ginny (Fidler) May, class of 1978, and Sharon (Conner) Whitlatch, class of 1978, also serve as trustees. Mrs. Whitlatch serves as current vice president of the organization and Mrs. Kowalski as recording secretary. Mrs. May served as president from 1992 to 1994.

"The developing new generation of Associates brings special credentials to the organization," noted Mrs. O'Rourke. "Many of them are college graduates with valuable professional experience. Those that are alumni also possess a unique understanding of the college's needs."

Alumni and spouses of alumni currently make up about 10% of the group's membership. Alumni are encouraged to join local chapters or become members-at-large when chapters are not available. Prospective members may contact Mary Utley, membership chairperson, at 691 Augusta, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.



Associate Vice-President Sharon Whitlatch (78) helps at the festival.

**David and Karen (Duty) King** are living at 29686 Spoon, Madison Heights, MI 48071. David is preaching for the Beverly Hills Church of Christ, and Karen is the vice-president and marketing manager of Franklin Bank in Southfield. The couple has two children, Christy and Joseph.

1982

**Doug and Ann Doyle** welcomed Garrett Doyle on March 17. Doug is the minister of the West University Church of Christ. The family lives at 9060 West University, Odessa, TX 79764.

1983

**Robin Couch** recently began a position as a cultural resource management archaeologist. She is living at 4933 Saratoga Avenue #201, San Diego, CA 92107.

1984

Jessica Lauren joined Danielle in the home of Eric and **Jennifer (Habermel) Diehl** on February 17. Jennifer is a naturalist and Eric is a technician. The family lives at 2923 Avon, Midland, MI 48640.

Lindsay Ann joined her brother Caleb in the home of Tim and **Laurie (Phillips) Howard** on November 5, 1995. Tim is a quality control technician, and Laurie works part-time in a pharmacy. The family lives at 5453 Holiday Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

**James Moore** is teaching geography, economics, and government at Willowridge High School. He lives at 14501 Empanada Drive #1421, Houston, TX 77083.

**Mike and Peggy (Whitman-85) Morningstar** are house parents at Shults Lewis Child and Family Services. Mike is a molding engineer for Dwyer Instruments in Michigan City. The couple has four children, Dawn, Zachary, Larissa, and Seth. They can be contacted at P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, IN 46384.

1985

**Emmanuel Lewis** is working as a registered nurse for Health Care Plan. His wife, Charlene, teaches elementary school for the Buffalo school system. The couple has four children, Emmanuel, Charnelle, Cassandra, and Evan. The family resides at 71 Goulding Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14208.

Dustin Tyler joined Christopher, Nathan, and Courtney in the home of **Paul and Bev (Morrow-81) Schandavel** on October 17, 1995. Paul is the director of child and family services for Children's Homes, Inc., and Bev works part-time as a registered nurse at Methodist Hospital. The family resides at 5004 Wise Street, Paragould, AR 72450.

1986

After moving to California re-

cently, **Candace (Washburn) Chapman** was appointed regional manager of visual merchandising for the West Coast Division of the Bombay Company. Candace and her husband, James, live at 23592 Windsong #30E, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656, with their cat, Emma.

**Kim Martin** was married to Paula Nealis on October 21, 1995. Kim is employed as a receiving clerk for Wal-Mart, and Paula works for Wabash Magnetics. Paula has a daughter, Amanda. The family lives at 483 North Allen, Wabash, IN 46992.

1987

Nicole Ashley joined Megan in the home of Frank and **Cynthia (Brown) Chance** on December 26, 1995. Frank is an electrical engineer, and Cynthia a homemaker. The family lives at 303 McLean, Ligonier, IN 46767.

**Joseph and Michele Meredith** welcomed Tyler Joseph on November 19, 1995. Joe is a youth specialist for Teen Ranch, Inc. and Michele is a teacher. The family lives at 4790 Hospital Drive #C-3, Cass City, MI 48726.

**Michael and Sandi (Jones-88) Wallace** currently are residing at 117 White Marsh Circle, Orlando, FL 32824. Michael is a biologist in the industrial hygiene department of Walt Disney World, and Sandi recently was promoted to desktop publishing specialist in the creative development department of the Disney University Professional Development Programs.

Jacob Allen joined Hannah in the home of **Rob and Kathy (Swires-86) Wright** on November 16, 1995. Rob is serving in the nuclear program of the U.S. Navy on a fast-attack submarine, the USS San Juan, and Kathy is a homemaker. The family can be contacted at 8 Cobble Way #2, Colchester, CT 06415.

1988

Steve and **Laura (Bologna) Elmore** welcomed a son, Steven William, on June 24, 1995. Laura is a preschool teacher, and Steve is a support technician. The family lives at 19854 Stafford, Clinton Township, MI 48035.

James Charles joined the family of **Jim and Sandy (Wise) Haferkamp** on September 24, 1995. Jim is a driver for the United Parcel Service, and Sandy is a program assistant for the USDA Farm Service Agency. The family resides at 2442 West State Road 2, LaPorte, IN 46350.

1989

Now living at 14911 Hummel Road #48, Brook Park, OH 44142, **William and Melanie (Marshall) Blake**, are still working with the same employers. William is a regional auditor for Continental Airlines and

Melanie is an Ameritech Customer Service Representative.

**Arthur and Anora (Woods) David** welcomed Ruth Kemah on January 20. While involved in mission efforts in Monrovia, Liberia, the family was recently evacuated from the country due to civil unrest. Currently, they can be contacted at 560 Tacoma Drive #1120, Garland, TX 75043.

Lindsey Catherine joined two brothers, Zachary and Stephen, in the home of **Kevin and Davena (Fields) Galloway** on December 28, 1995. Kevin is an Indiana State Trooper and Davena is a homemaker. The family lives at 3091 North 700 West, Brownstown, IN 47220.

Jason and **Sandi (Waltman) King** welcomed Collin James on July 19. Sandi is a stage manager for the Rainbow Theatre and Jason is in the U.S. Army. The family lives at 67 Mitchell Drive, Eatontown, NJ 07724.

**Tim Mays** is working for Ford Motor Company. Currently, he is an amateur advanced ham radio operator, and recently reached amateur extra class status. He lives at 906 Schuman,

Westland, MI 48186, and can be e-mailed at n8zdz@aol.com.

Autumn Daun joined the family of Gary and **Tammy (Fortner) Winzenried** on December 16, 1995. Gary is a computer operator for Computer Science Corporation. Tammy is a homemaker. The family lives at 7902 Cottonlane, Southaven, MS 38671.

1990

**Mark and Christine (Campbell-89) Brackney** welcomed Caleb John on October 25, 1995. Mark is the youth minister of the Rochester Church of Christ, and Christine is a homemaker. The family lives at 783 East Beverly, Pontiac, MI 48340.

Rick and **Laura (Day) Leach** celebrated their first anniversary on July 1. Laura is the receptionist for Childplace, a Christian adoption agency, and Rick is an asset manager with Sears. The couple lives at 3076 Wooded Way, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

**Rob Perez** recently moved back to Michigan and accepted a position as a cost accountant with Steelcase, Inc. His wife, Shauna is a free-lance editor. The couple

resides at 1148 36th Street S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509.

1991

**Scot and Lydia (Ferguson) West** welcomed Emma Deryn on February 24. Scot is completing a degree in film, and Lydia a degree in art education. The family resides at 2324 1/2 Dana, Toledo, OH 43609.

1993

**Steve Zavitz** married Ellie Swanson on May 11. The couple led bicycle tours for the Backroads Company during the summer and returned to Lakehead University in the fall to complete degrees in outdoor education.

1994

**Roger Poe** received the Star Award from the Kalamazoo Voluntary Action Center and the Medallion of Excellence from the Kalamazoo schools for his exemplary service to youth. Roger is a school paraprofessional and youth minister for the East Main Church of Christ. Roger and his wife, Joyce, have seven children, and can be reached at P.O. Box 693, Comstock, MI 49041.

### Recent Books Written by MCC Alumni

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## Cooperative program in education set

Meeting the needs of regular numbers of students, Michigan Christian College recently finalized arrangements with a local university to offer cooperative academic programs in elementary and secondary education. Under the arrangement, students will complete their first three years of academic work with Michigan Christian College, and the remainder of course work and state certification through Madonna University of Livonia, Michigan.

"This arrangement is very significant for the students of Michigan Christian College," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "For years, hundreds have received associate degrees from Michigan Christian College before going on to complete degrees in education. Now, students can complete three full years of their program on our campus, while continuing to live in our



Larry Parham visits with juniors Andrea Thornton and Steven Bruce.

residence halls and participate in our campus activities for the remainder of their studies."

Initial response to the program exceeded expectations. Over thirty students, mostly juniors, enrolled in *Introduction to Professional Education Experiences*, the first education course taught by Michigan Christian College under the new plan. "The program mushroomed so quickly that Madonna University has gone out of their way to cater to the needs of our students," noted David Brackney, campus director of the program. "They have even hired support staff to coordinate the program."

Under current arrangements, students complete all general education and religion courses at Michigan Christian College, as well as selected education courses. "In most cases all but twelve credit hours in a student's major may be taken from Michigan Christian College, as well as most if not all of their minor for secondary education," noted Mr. Brackney.

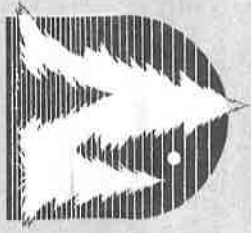
"Madonna University has made a commitment to teach a minimum of ten semester hours of the professional education courses on our campus each year," continued Mr. Brackney. "With sufficient de-

mand, which we expect, they will offer almost all of the education sequence on our campus."

"As we began considering institutions that might be interested in forming an arrangement, we realized that we had to find a local college to meet regulations of the state of Michigan and the North Central Association," stated Dr. Westerfield. "Knowing the reputation of Madonna University for a high-quality education program, they quickly surfaced as the ideal choice. We have been extremely pleased with the results."

Over the past three years, Michigan Christian College has aggressively pursued a broader array of academic programs. The college now offers fourteen specializations at the bachelor's degree level in areas of management, human services, and Christian services.

"We decided that the best way for us to offer a quality program in education was to join hands with someone already doing an outstanding job in that field," commented Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "We find that most of our students want to stay in this area for their entire academic career. This program allows them to achieve that goal."



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