

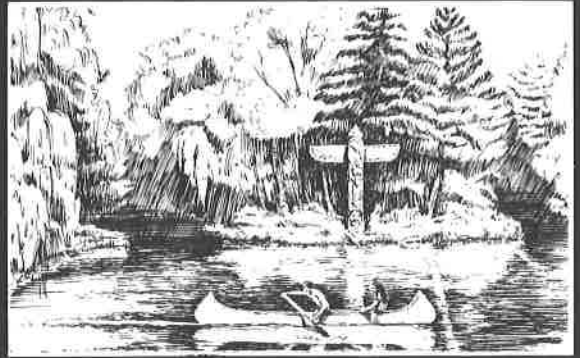
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Phon-a-Visit Set for October 26- November 24

October 26-November 24 are the dates selected for the 1981 Michigan Christian College Phon-a-Visit campaign. Once again this year, Christians throughout the Midwest will be asked to participate in the annual Salary Sharing program. Begin now to prayerfully consider a positive response when the call for support comes.

Last year's campaign raised approximately \$193,000 for the college to help offset operating expenses. Tuition covers just over half the cost of Christian education at MCC. The balance of the operating budget must come from gift income contributed by friends of the College.

According to Jesse Clayton, Director of Development, plans are well underway for the campaign, and a

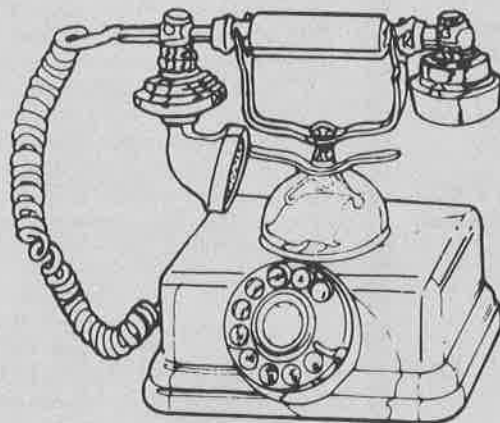


concentrated effort is being made to update address and phone records.

Each year many MCC students, board members, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends volunteer hundreds of hours in calling to ask for support. If you would be able to help in this great effort, please contact Jesse Clayton at (313) 651-5800 to arrange a time to call.

THE CALL FOR SUPPORT

**Phon-a-Visit 1981
October 26 thru
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Salary Sharing
Program**



“Practical Christian Living” Theme of Fall Lectureship

Final plans have been announced for the 1981 Bible Lectureship set for October 5-8. “Practical Christian Living” will be the theme of this twenty-fourth annual event.

Tuesday, October 6, has been designated as “Preachers Fellowship Day.” A special luncheon to honor our preachers has been planned, and the annual Preachers-Elders Dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. that evening. “Parents Day” is set for Wednesday, October 7, and parents of all past and present MCC students are invited to be on campus for the “Dutch-treat” luncheon planned for that day. Thursday, October 8, has been chosen as “Friends Day” and a special luncheon is planned to honor members of the Century Club. The first alumni “Artist of the Year” will be revealed along with the unveiling of his or her painting of a campus scene. Reservations are necessary for the luncheons and dinner. Call Betty Losher at (313) 651-5800 before October 1.

Lectureship speakers include: Joe Barnett, David Burks, Willard Collins, Royce Dickinson, Jr., Loren Gieger, Randy Gill, Harold Hazelip, James Muns, Lucien Palmer, and Ben Zickafoose. Betty Muns and Margaret Southern will teach classes for the ladies.

Ladies Associates Sponsor Fall Festival September 12

“Fun, frolic, and food” will abound on the MCC campus during the Fall Festival set for September 12, 1981, according to Mildred Freeland, project chairperson. Sponsored by the MCC Ladies Associates, activities will begin at 10 a.m.

Many interesting exhibits are planned, and arts and crafts will be available for purchase at several booths. Among other attractions will be food booths and children's games.

Plan now to attend this fund-raising event which annually draws thousands to the campus and promises to be fun for the entire family.

Message from the President



Dear Friends,

At the time of the writing of this letter on July 31, 1981, we are almost three weeks away from the beginning of the 23rd session of Michigan Christian College and just two years away from the 25th Anniversary. This is an exciting time as we begin a new year and make preparations for the Silver Anniversary. Also, it is a time to reflect and be thankful . . .

- . . . Thanks to those far-sighted people in the middle 1950's who had a vision of Michigan Christian College.
- . . . Thanks to those initial members of the Board of Trustees who made that final decision to establish this institution.
- . . . Thanks to every person who has served and is serving as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- . . . Thanks to those pioneer members of the staff, faculty, and administration who served on this campus.
- . . . Thanks to all past and present contributors who have invested in the cost of Christian education here and everywhere.
- . . . Thanks to the ever inspiring efforts and contributions of the Ladies Associates and Men's Club.
- . . . Thanks to all alumni and current students who chose to invest part of their lives on this campus.
- . . . Thanks to the present members of the staff, faculty, and administration who faithfully serve.
- . . . Thanks for the fine relationship that we sustain with congregations, preachers, and elders in this great mid-west area and other parts of our brotherhood.
- . . . Thanks to the community of Rochester for accepting us as an educational entity making a contribution to the character and culture of this area.
- . . . Thanks to the various state, regional, and national educational agencies who have helped, guided, and approved.
- . . . Thanks to loving parents for entrusting their sons and daughters to us.

And, above all, thanks be to God who providentially has allowed all of the above blessings to generate through all of you.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher
President

"Ethical Perspectives" Added to Curriculum

"Ethical Perspectives," a new, one-hour philosophy course, will become a graduation requirement for all Michigan Christian College students with the beginning of the 1981-82 academic year.

In discussing the purpose of the course, Dr. Larry Journey, Academic Dean, stated: "We felt that it would be beneficial that the philosophy of life that stands behind a Christian college not only be discussed in terms of its scriptural basis in Bible classes and in the rules and regulations of the College, but also in its practical applications to all of life."

Dr. Journey; Dr. Leonard Knight, Dean of Students; Dr. Loren Gieger; and Coy Roper of the Bible faculty, will each be responsible for teaching one phase of the course. Several guest speakers are scheduled to aid them in their presentations. According to Dr. Journey, "The course will look first at the bases for our philosophy and then at the practical applications in being a good member of the church, the community, and the nation."

Pepperdine Honors President Fletcher

An honorary doctor of laws degree was bestowed upon MCC President Milton B. Fletcher during commencement exercises August 8 at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Dr. Fletcher was cited for his twenty years of outstanding service to Christian education while at Michigan Christian College and Abilene Christian University.

Dr. Howard White, President of Pepperdine, hosted a pre-commencement luncheon for President Fletcher and fifty-four guests at Brock House, the President's official residence which overlooks the 800-acre Malibu campus. Among the guests were Dr. William Teague, incoming President at ACU; Mrs. George Pepperdine, wife of the Pepperdine founder; Mrs. Milton Fletcher; Mr. Robert Utley, MCC Board Chairman and his wife, Mary; and Mr. Wheeler Utley, former Chairman of MCC's Board of Trustees.

Pepperdine University, with 7,000 students, is the largest school affiliated with the Churches of Christ. Among the other honors awarded at the graduation ceremonies were 328 Master of Business Administration degrees. Pepperdine is one of the West Coast's leading institutions in offering this business-oriented degree.

Seventeen Attend Estate Planning Workshop

On July 27-30, 1981, Michigan Christian College hosted its first Estate Planning Workshop for development personnel. Gordon Caswell, a nationally known consultant from Santa Barbara, California, was engaged to conduct the workshop.

Michigan Christian not only hosted this intense four-day workshop for the benefit of its own personnel, but offered the activity as a service to other institutions for a fee. Seventeen participants from MCC, Ohio Valley College, Western Reserve Financial Services Corp., Valley Christian Academy, South Central Children's Home, Indianapolis Christian Schools, Luckett Christian Academy, and Midwestern Children's Home attended the series. The course was also offered for credit as an extension from the University of Southern California.

The second Estate Planning Workshop is scheduled for June, 1982. Tax laws are constantly changing, so it is vital to keep abreast with current information and thus be updated professionally in this very important field of estate planning. In addition, this program enables MCC to make more efficient use of its facilities during the summer, as well as offer a service to other institutions.



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Youth Leaders' Workshop September 18-19

Registration is now being accepted for the second annual Youth Leaders' Workshop to be held September 18 and 19 on the MCC campus. Youth leaders and their wives from all over the Midwest are invited to take part in the workshop, designed to help congregations better serve their young people.

Wally Wilkerson and Don Williams have been invited to participate as guest speakers. Both men bring with them a wealth of experience as youth ministers and will be able to share a great deal of helpful information with workshop partici-

pants. Wilkerson is currently working with the Trail Lake congregation in Fort Worth, Texas. Williams served many years as youth minister at the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, and is currently affiliated with Pepperdine University. Randy Gill, MCC Chorus Director, and Dr. Len Knight, Dean of Students, will also speak during the workshop.

Cost of the two-day series will be \$20.00 for each youth minister who attends. Wives may attend at no extra cost. To register or for further information, contact Jesse Clayton at (313) 651-5800.

Regional Junior-Senior Days

Experience MCC! Plan to visit the campus for one of the fall Regional Days. Most groups arrive on time for the Thursday evening devotional. After spending the night on campus, they participate in a class, campus tours, chapel, and lunch with entertainment. Experience for yourself a normal day's activity on campus. You'll be glad you did.



Come with your state or on any of these special dates!

October 30
Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin

November 6
Ohio and Pennsylvania

November 13
Michigan, New York, and Ontario

To arrange a group, locate a ride, make reservations, or for more information contact:

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At a Glance

Two new courses will be added to the business curriculum at MCC this fall. "Introduction to Computers" will be a general course designed to acquaint students with the functions and components of computers as well as the theory behind computers. "BASIC," a more advanced course, will teach students how to program a computer with particular emphasis on applications in business.

During the summer, MCC staff and administrators participated in two one-day seminars geared toward creating greater employee effectiveness. Penny Griffith conducted a Time Management seminar and Carolyn Mills discussed the topic of Communication. Both workshops were arranged through the University of Michigan and funded through the Title III program.

Sixteen students served as camp counselors and special representatives of MCC in fourteen Christian camps this summer. The students, who will be returning to MCC this fall, participated in a total of sixty-one weeks of camping throughout Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Faculty, Staff Changes Announced

Several new faculty and staff members have joined the MCC family.

Benny Morton, who taught at MCC in the early 1970's, will be returning to teach psychology and sociology. He holds Bachelors' degrees from Louisville Bible College and Blue Mountain College. Morton completed his graduate work at Wayne State University. He is currently in his third year as minister for the Sunset Church of Christ in Taylor, Michigan.

Dave and Judy (Graves) Stroud (Class of 1975) have also returned to campus. Dave will be serving as the supervisor in the Barbier and One-Story Residence Halls. Judy, who completed her Bachelors degree at Oklahoma Christian College, will be teaching part-time in the mathematics department.

Ken and Gail Skeens have been selected to serve as the supervisors in the Campus Center Residence Hall. Ken will continue to work toward his Bachelor of Religious Education degree at MCC this fall.

Several 1981 graduates have accepted positions with the MCC staff. Mark Davison and Tim Dill will both serve as Admissions Counselors. Karen (Duty) King will work in the Business Office as secretary to the Vice-President. Pam Pierson assumed the duties of secretary to the Academic Dean in early June.



alumni focus

ROMAN CARIAGA (Class of 1963), is doing mission work in his homeland, the Philippines. Following his graduation from Oklahoma Christian College, he served briefly as Academic Dean of a preacher training school, and, three years as its President. Since 1970, he has been instrumental in establishing eight congregations with a membership of over 400. He and his wife have four sons. The eldest is a junior at OCC. The Cariaga family address is: P.O. Box 116, Butuan City 8001, Philippines.

WASHINGTON MHLANGA (Class of 1972) received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University. He and his wife, Alice, recently returned to Zimbabwe, Africa.

TERRY NICHOLS (Class of 1974) graduated with a Co-op degree from Abilene Christian University and the Mayo Foundation. She is now a physical therapist.

Legal Assistant Program Added To Curriculum

Students desiring to be employed as a Legal Assistant immediately following their studies at Michigan Christian College may now obtain an Associate in Applied Science Degree with a major in the Legal Assistant Program. This new two-year program prepares students to assist a lawyer who has a general law practice in such areas as civil litigation, real estate transactions, and wills and probate administration.

Curriculum additions include twenty-four hours of legal assistance courses such as *Torts; Contracts and Commercial Sales; Introduction to the American Legal System; Real Estate Transactions; Criminal Law and Procedure; Civil Litigation; Wills, Trusts, and Probate Administration; and Legal Research and Writing*. The program also includes an internship course, in which students are placed in private law practices, corporate legal departments, bank trust departments, and government agencies to gain practical experience.

The Legal Assistant Program is directed by Dr. John Todd. Dr. Todd received his law degree from Georgetown University and has been developing the new law program for the past two years. Further information about the program may be obtained by requesting a catalog from the Admissions Office.

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Pistons Center Joins Basketball Camp

An appearance by Kent Benson, starting center for the Detroit Pistons, was one of the highlights of the Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp held during July on the MCC campus. Benson spent about two hours at the camp teaching the basics of the game, as well as answering questions and coaching some practice sessions.

The camp, directed by MCC Basketball Coach Garth Pleasant, was designed for youngsters interested in building better basketball skills.

The 6'10" Benson is a former Indiana University all-American. "He's really a quality person. He spent time with every single kid in the camp and they all really responded to him," said Pleasant.



New Alumni Officers Assume Duties

Larry Bridgesmith, (Class of 1968), assumed the presidency of the Michigan Christian College Alumni Association beginning July 1, 1981. Larry is a lawyer in Nashville, TN. He and his wife, Linda, are the parents of two children, Lance and Lara.

Randy Coss, (Class of 1971) of Allen Park, Michigan, will fill the office of Vice-President. Betty Dunlap, a 1967 graduate, of Rochester, Michigan is the newly elected secretary.

Executive Committee members of the association will include: Edie Wallace (Class of 1967); Jack Cronk (Class of 1967); and Cathy Ries (Class of 1973).

Calendar

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November 20-21