

Congratulations to our Spring '13 Graduates!

Ashlee Futrell Young, Jeff Young, Hailey Buth,
Josh Operia and Brea Woods!

Alumni Updates

Babies: Heath and Leslie Cates became the parents of Jayden and Kylie.

MCF sends our sympathies to Bethaney Adams in the loss of her father and Eric Martin in the loss of his youngest brother.

Catch up on everyone's life at the Alumni Gathering on Oct. 19! Save the date!

Please facebook or email Jac at feloship@gmail.com if you have a life update you would like to share. We like to know what you're up to!

Also, if you want to be part of the **Alumni Relations Committee**, please contact Jac.

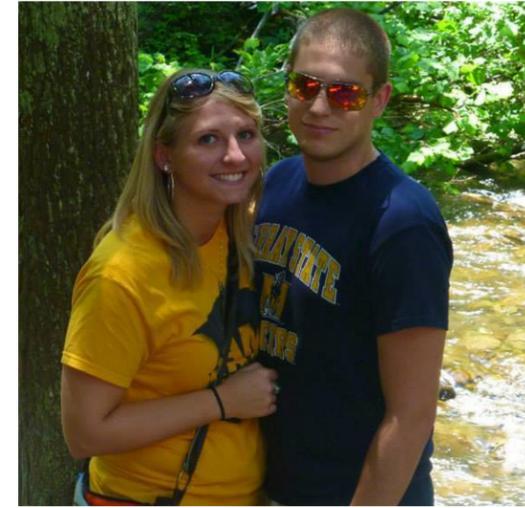
A Testimony of God's Faithfulness By Leslie Cates ('04)

Heath and I feel very blessed by the story God is writing with our family. We can hardly believe we're parents now after trying for 7 years! We adopted our son Jayden, 3 yrs. old, and daughter Kylie, 2. They are siblings and only 11 months apart, so my world has been rocked!! We started this process to adopt in January and didn't expect to bring home a baby for at least a year or so. God had different plans!

Almost immediately after completing our home study we were contacted by the agency that there were two precious toddlers who needed a home right away. We only had a couple of hours to make the decision before our names were added to four others the family was considering. We found out less than 24 hours later that we had been chosen to be their parents!!! What an honor. We prayed this would be so only if the Lord knew they were supposed to be our children, so we had to trust Him! It's been a whirlwind of learning for both us and the little ones as we continue to build family ties bound by God! We've actually had them eight weeks now, but it already feels longer. They are a bundle of energy--as you can imagine-- and JOY!!!



A Word from the Student Servant Team



Courtney Carlton ('13)

This past semester, Spring 2013, I was able to intern with Murray Christian Fellowship as a part of my Youth and Nonprofit Leadership requirements. Not only did this allow me to work with my own campus ministry and attain the credits I needed for my minor, but I was able to learn how finances are taken care of, what it's like to work with a diverse group of students, what supervising is like, how much flexibility, patience and genuine love it requires to do the job well, and how worship services and events are planned.

But what really impacted me the most was that it allowed me to build relationships that will last a lifetime. I knew these students from the fall semester but we were able to grow closer together over the last few months.

I grew closer with God and was able to get more involved with outreach on campus. I found a passion I didn't know I had for getting involved on campus and reaching out to those that may not know God's love, something I feel I take advantage of sometimes because I grew up knowing that He loves me and that He gave the ultimate sacrifice for me.

When I first came to Murray State I didn't like it because I was commuting from Lyon County (home) twice a week and wasn't able to get involved with any student organizations or build relationships. When I first came to MCF in the fall I found a family. Being able to work with that family and learn how to properly do office work, run spread sheets, plan and implement programs was a huge blessing.

I couldn't have asked for a better campus ministry to get involved in. God knew what He was doing in my life and it was all in His timing that my life was changed and I fell in love with Murray State. I will be graduating MSU in December and I would not trade my college experience for the world. God is truly working in MCF and I am so glad I am able to be a part of that!

Praises of the Fellowship

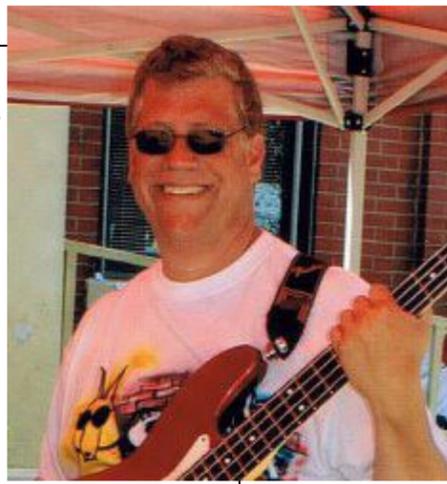
- Great experience this year with our 2 YNL interns - Molly Thompson and Courtney Carlton!
- All the new students who came into the family at different times throughout the semesters.
- Winter Retreat with all those Indiana campus ministries
- The new beautiful porch thanks to the hard work of Joey Johnson!

Prayers of the Fellowship

- Several family members of our students are suffering with chronic illnesses with a likely chance of death over the summer.
- Finances for several students who may not be able to return in the Fall.
- Continued growth and development of MCF as a whole - the board of directors and staff, supporter churches and alumni, and Murray State University.

From the MCF Board

New At-Large Board Member: Kevin Qualls
Kevin joined the faculty of Murray State University in 2008. Prior teaching posts were at Francis Marion University, Marshall University, Paducah Community College, and Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts.



He is a member of the American Bar Association, The Kentucky Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Liberty University, a Master's in Journalism from Marshall University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunication from the University of Kentucky.

He and his wife Lisa began attending Christian Community Church in Murray in November 2011. His hobbies include playing bass guitar with the worship team and in his band Soul Dog.



House Projects

Taking donations for ...

- **Renovations to both basements (to stop the flooding and deterioration)**

Please seriously consider giving to these projects; we can't do it without your help. Thank you!!!



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One of the most important questions of campus ministry that needs asking continually is ***“Are students prepared to take their place and do their part in the local church ... right now AND after college?”***

MCF addressed this question, once again, through a solid study this semester on Eph 4:11-16 (a continuation from Fall semester's study on Eph 4:3-7). We focused on two things:

- first**, our role/function/purpose in the local church is a result of God's Grace generously given and realized through the character, ethic and presence of Jesus in our life;
- second**, that role/function/purpose will, in some form or fashion, be categorized as Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd or Teacher – so what do these labels mean?

With that focus, we were able to do a Spiritual Gift Inventory that both affirmed and revealed what God has been doing in their lives to prepare them and give opportunities to serve in the Fellowship and Church.

With all that God was doing, I'm not surprised that MCF experienced a season of intensity at the beginning of the Spring semester where an overall atmosphere of apathy and irritability formed with flashes of fear and several students experienced dark dreams. **We rallied as a Servant Team and Fellowship and prayed!!!!** I'm very proud of our students who took this experience to heart and initiated a renovation project in the house. Out from the dark musty depths of the basement, the Prayer Room has been resurrected and is located next to the baptistry.

We adjusted our Spring Break Mission plan to a couple of Murray, KY centered days of service. **MCF participated with several local congregations** in Community Impact Day where we cleaned out and remodeled the Library Annex, as well as picked up trash in the area, and participating in the MLK Jr Day of Service. Once again, our students realized that mission work is not just “out of country” or “in another state.” Our Fellowship was able to do great mission/service in the name of Jesus right here in our own backyard of Murray, KY!

During the semester, a flashback to the students' younger days occurred - Blue's Clues skidoos. So this coming year **we plan to skidoo into the Gospel according to Luke!** I'm looking forward to what this will bring into the lives of our returning students and all the new ones coming into the Fellowship.

Peace of Christ to you,

Mike Kerrick

P.S. I want to let you all know that I have accepted two positions of service with groups MCF affiliates:

- a two-year commitment of Vice President to President with the United Campus Ministry Association (UCMA) at Murray State
- and a three-year commitment of Vice President–President–Past President with the Association of College Ministries (ACM)

