

Alumni Corner

The Alumni Relations Committee is tossing around the idea of a Spring Reunion. Many alumni have a conflict with the Homecoming Alumni Reunion each fall. This would be an opportunity to reconnect, work on a service project at the MCF house, or just enjoy fellowship. Like the Homecoming event, we would set the date far in advance so alum could plan accordingly. We would also like to see many generations represented. If you have ideas or feedback or would like to be on the planning committee for a Spring Reunion, please email Jac at feloship@gmail.com.



God has blessed the family of MCF with many who have taken lead servant roles in many ways. Take a look at this litany of MCFers, and this is just a brief accounting of who serves...

Ministry

Karen Dockery has authored several Christian books for teens with *Lifeway*.
Lee (Holman) Sumner has led a significant work in women's, family, and marriage teaching.
Bill and Shirley Redmond have been heavily involved in a political career; recently they have been involved with Lincoln Christian University's relations in China.
Dan & Mary Butler

Ministers & Campus Ministry

Larry & Barbara (Powell) Call as chaplain and local minister
Adam McKenzie at Christian Community Church as youth minister and worship minister
Michelle (Shahpari) Rose in worship ministry since graduating in 2008
Some dude named Mark Whited 20+ years at University of Evansville
Windy (Mohead) and Seth Frank at Morehead State
Teresa (Sholar) Stoval 40+ years at Western KY

Elders in a local congregation:

Bill & Brenda Call, Tom & Lois Green who planted Christian Community Church in Murray
Mike Rendleman as an elder for 20 plus years for Little Chapel Church near Harrisburg IL - a church that has grown into multiple hundreds
Jim & Karen (West) Call

Not to mention all the teachers, social workers, engineers, accountants, nurses, etc. who are living out their faith in the workplace!!!!

The Importance of the Alumni Relations Committee



On our most recent OutReach publication, we say "Come to MCF, because everyone matters". This invitation does not end when you graduate. Even though you may move away, or enter a new season of life when college ministry is not your primary spiritual feeding, as an MCF alum...

You matter because Remembering is part of our faith.
You matter because Dreaming is part of our story.
You matter because Supporting is part of our character.

So far this year, 55% of MCF's financial support has come from individuals; of those individuals, 60% were MCF Alumni. These statistics do not take into consideration the alumni that are part of the 12 congregations that support MCF. **All this to say, each MCF alum matters!**

Why is Alumni Relations important? Listen to how this ongoing aspect of the MCF ministry is impacting people's lives:

Growing up in a cozy corner of the Bible belt called Johnson City, Tennessee, I was always at arm's length of my comfort zone. Loving, Christian parents raised me and faith-filled friends supported me. On top of that, I had always been home schooled. Though I wasn't sheltered by any means, it ensured that the atmosphere of my life was that of one conducive to a peaceful, unchallenged faith. All the same I always knew what I believed and why, but coming into Murray State University as a freshman, I met with opposition and a general distaste for my background that I had never experienced before. My spiritual strength had laid more in numbers than I'd realized, and I began to feel isolated and unsteady.

It was at Murray Christian Fellowship that **I found a foothold**. The people I met there welcomed me into their community and into their worship; and through the ministry there God gave me the support I had been lacking. MCF served as a regular reminder for me of God's presence on my campus, as well as the love that he shows through his followers.

The MCF that I've come to know this past school year has helped me in the cultivation of my faith and has challenged me to make real and meaningful changes in my life for the sake of becoming closer to God in everything that I do. Through mission trips and movie nights with MCF I've had the opportunity to spend time among earnest Christians who have inspired and encouraged me in my walk with Christ. Fellowship with these people and this ministry has given me a greater sense of stability in my belief, one in which I'm confident will continue to sustain me in trials to come.



Nathan Hensley ('18)

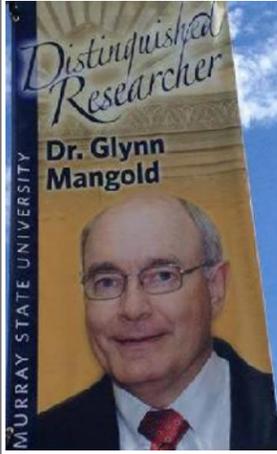
Praises of the Fellowship

- Spring Break Mission experience to Brookport was wonderful on so many levels.
- A fresh atmosphere around the MCF house!

Prayers of the Fellowship

- We are still searching for the right person who will serve as Associate Minister to Women.
- The students – both incoming and returning – for the 2015/16 year!

Special Prayers for Glynn Mangold



Glynn Mangold is one of the MCF Real-Old-Timers ('74) and former board member. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues radiation and chemotherapy treatments at Vanderbilt, following up from surgery this spring to remove a brain tumor. Please pray for his healing and comfort and the continued medical care that he is to receive.

Glynn may be reached at wmangold@murraystate.edu.
(Please refrain from discussing his situation on social media, thanks.)

Congratulations to our May '15 Graduates!

Sean James, James and John Stone, Laura Kovarik, Kate Higgins and Brea Woods (MA in English!!)

House Projects

Taking LARGE donations for ...

- **Girls' House roof replacement**
- **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!!!



One year ago, MCF went through a surprising financial experience, which was really a test of faith.

Between the state of the national/local economy, losing some donors, having several months of record low giving, the timing of large annual expenses and some difficulties in accounting, MCF was caught in the middle of the perfect storm, tossed around and up and down getting swamped. Like the disciples on the sea of Galilee, we cried out to a seemingly sleeping Jesus to save us (cf. Mark 4); and He did! Through many generous giving hearts, your hearts, MCF had several months of record high donations with several new contributors as well as many long-time supporters giving extra. The board and I give thanks regularly for this perfect storm that produced a rainbow, marking God's promise of faithfulness. Sounds a little cheesy and cliché-ish, but God works that way sometimes.

Years ago, former MCF campus minister Dean Ross and the board had the vision of the G.A.P. "club". I want to share with you the heart of this vision. Based on the time in Israel's history when the people of God were rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, Nehemiah called for some people to "stand in the gap", multi-tasking by protecting the people inside the wall while rebuilding/repairing/restoring the wall. The same is true for MCF's GAP "club", which stands for the multi-task to Give. Assist. Pray. Sounds a little cheesy and cliché-ish but God works this way sometimes.

Let me share with you several ways to **GIVE** to MCF.

- First, there is the **monthly commitment of a set amount** (both churches and individuals).
- Then there are the **special one time gifts** that individuals and special groups (Sunday School classes, small groups, or cell groups) can give.
- One can also be part of the **GAP "club"** - giving \$25 twice a year when an appeal is made (primarily for use on the houses or property).
- We are setting up a Kroger Community Rewards program for MCF at krogercommunityrewards.com. Email Jac at feloship@gmail.com for MCF's rewards code.
- If you use Paypal for your donations, make sure to use the Paypal Giving Fund (its on our website)
- **One of the most dynamic and important ways to Give is to invite others to be a part of the opportunity to participate in the vision of MCF by asking them to join you as friends and family of MCF.**

ASSISTing with on-campus/at the house events is one of the most powerful relationship-building experiences for the MCF family. Here are several dreams/ideas/opportunities for this summer and fall.

- **Landscaping** – We have a great opportunity to make this property appealing and MSU-friendly with just a little bit of love from some green thumbs out there. Come and share your ideas, expertise and labor as we keep this place looking nice.
- **Small maintenance projects** – Attention all you handy-man types out there! We have a gutter to relocate, fascia to replace, some brush to remove (piles of it too).
- **Freshman Move-In Day, Aug 15** – Join returning students welcoming and helping move new students into the dorms.
- **FOOD** – Sponsor a Sunday night meal or outreach night; bring by a plate of goodies for the Free Table; be a part of the menu for Fall Retreat.

Finally, **PRAY**. I'm not talking about our tendency to use this as an empty well-intentioned departing phrase like "See ya later". I'm asking for serious times of prayer (and maybe fasting – which is really feasting on the presence of Jesus cf. John 6). The Board of Directors has taken a pledge to set an alarm (most on their phone) to pray for MCF once a week. Will you do the same?

- Pray for the encounters and conversations students will have with those who have not given their lives to Jesus.
- Pray for the growth and maturity of those students who are disciples.
- Pray for the right person to come serve as Associate Minister to Women.
- Pray for generous hearts to give and assist in the work of MCF.

God has written into your life an opportunity to be part of rebuilding the Kingdom on the campus of Murray State. I encourage you to consider being a part of MCF this coming year in one of these ways.



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