

# 2018 Annual Report



**Murray Christian Fellowship**  
**50 years**  
**of ministry**  
**at Murray State**  
**University**

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# Mission Statement

Murray Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational / interdenominational campus ministry committed to sharing the great news of a real transformed life in Christ with students, faculty and staff at Murray State University.

## A Year in Review

### Happy Birthday Murray Christian Fellowship!!!

2018 brought about 50 years of ministering to Murray State students and that was worth celebrating. I would like to highlight a few experiences during the Homecoming season:

- Bill Call, Lois Green and Mike Kerrick were guests on WKMS 1340 AM Morning Show, in Murray, Live at Kroger (first time in MCF history)
- MCF was included in the official MSU Homecoming program (another first time experience)
- Founding Students and current students participated in the MSU Homecoming Parade
- Over 100 alumni, with family, returned for a great celebration at the MCF House (wonderful carnival theme)
- We instituted the MCF Matthew 5:3 Scholarship. This was sponsored by the MCF Board of Directors (another first time experience that, hopefully, will become annual)

From these highlights, I can see two things very clearly. One is that MCF is continuing to serve and celebrate life together, with Jesus, like it has since the beginning. Second, MCF is growing and experiencing NEW ways to serve and minister and relate to others. **MCF is alive and growing ... growing older, yes, but still growing!**

In the midst of all this celebration, the current students had an amazing year of shared life in Jesus!

- Spring **Mission Experience to Winslow AZ**, serving with *Lifeline Christian Mission: Red Sands*. MCF students continued a 15-year relationship with Navajo Trails ministry. We were able to participate in a major development of ministry, with the Red Sands Christian School, by helping them renovate new property (a national guard armory and station).
- There is a **growing passion to reach out to fellow students** evident in the participation of several OutReach events on campus: Popcorn Give Away, Couch on Campus, the Wheel of Encouragement and Finals Week Bubble Wrap. Sr. Japanese major Nathan Hensley ('19) has hosted a weekly hospitality event three semesters running for the MSU Japanese club – right now our longest standing largest outreach to non-Christian students taking place at the MCF House!
- MCF's InReach ministry has primarily been focused on **community building experiences**. The residents of both the MCF House and Whitnah House (female residence) have led the way with hosting community meals as well as Friday Night Events.

### 2018 Theme Scripture and Teaching:

2018 Spring Semester continued the perspective of **Real People of Real Faith in Jesus**. In life, family members have a very unique relationship and insights into our lives from a myriad of perspectives. Same is true for Jesus; the epistle of James gives us an accounting of some of the insights to the relationship the brother of Jesus had concerning Jesus as Messiah, the Son of the Living God! MCF (during Wednesday Night Synergy) focused on James and his real faith in Jesus; we balanced his insights with questions of our own (during Sunday Night Study). The students experienced a great deal of growth and understanding that was immediately put into practice when returning home for the summer and throughout their internships. They have shared story after story describing how their faith IN Jesus has become more real to them.

The theme for Fall of 2018: **Knowing the faith OF Jesus is vital for our faith IN Jesus.** With this in mind, we have been paying attention to the quotes Jesus made from the Old Testament. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus (cf. Luke 24:13ff), the students' hearts burned with wonder, insight, and passion as we considered Jesus quoting from the prophet Isaiah in his first public sermon to singing Psalm 22 while being crucified. Time after time, students would share in their small groups, during accountability and discipleship time and after our group gatherings how they had always read or heard what Jesus has said, but that they had never considered where that quote came from and how that has helped them understand more deeply not just their faith, but the faith Jesus had AND how God has been active/interactive in life since the beginning!

### **Among the Fellowship:**

Campus Ministry experiences so much change from year to year, with students graduating, new students coming to MSU and most of all, God weaving people into each others' lives. 2018 was filled with new students at MCF, interestingly, mostly upperclassmen and transfers in the Spring. With several First-Year students starting their MSU programs in the Fall, MCF's core group of 15 has been active and growing. Several of the First-Year students are taking on more and more ownership in the aspects of MCF's ministry. Overall, MCF has experienced growth, particularly in spiritual maturity, but not so much in consistent attendance: quality more so than quantity. Yet hopes are high for the quality of MCF's fellowship to grow in quantity in the year to come!

### **5 - 10 Year View:**

As MCF enters the next 50 years of ministry, to MSU students, here are a few things to be looking forward to, to be praying about, and participating in.

- ***Development of MCF Board of Directors***

In 2018, the Board of Directors experienced the resignation and retirement of 3 members creating the catalyst for a time of evaluation and revisions. We are in process of forming two complimentary committees: A *Spiritual Care Committee* and *possibly* one focused on *Property Management*. We continue to actively recruit and prepare new Board members to carry on the great service of discernment and decision making (see more below under The Board). Please be in prayer (and contact with Mike or the Board with referrals) for this process.

- ***Continued development and participation of the MCF Alumni.***

As reported last year, the trend in missions within congregational life is to go deeper in relationship with fewer missions. For MCF, this means that individual support is not only consistently on the rise, but also there is a greater need for, and activity of, the MCF Alumni. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Celebration demonstrated that MCF has the potential to have many more alums participate in the ongoing and future ministry of MCF. It is essential, that the generations of MCF become more and more active in supporting and participating!

- ***MCF to become healthier***

- ***a multiple-staff mission:*** When planting a campus ministry, there are several key aspects needed for success. One aspect is a Ministry **Team** that will bring a greater spectrum of creativity, enlist more students to action, provide mentoring, supervision and accountability opportunities through multiple relationships. MCF has envisioned adding two associate staff positions: a minister of Worship/Spirituality and a minister of Women's Discipleship. The success of our Women's Discipleship Internship, over the past two years, proves that through these added positions, MCF will have a well-balanced approach to ministering to current students at MSU. **Please pray for God to not only send but also to supply the resources for the right people, who are willing, committed, and eager to serve with MCF.**

# Student Service Team

Two students comprised MCF's Servant Team for 2018: Tyler Casey ('20 Music Ed) and KirstyAnn Cole ('20 PR). Both showed tremendous commitment to MCF throughout the year and were a balanced team; KirstyAnn brings such a congenial influence with a gift of planning and administration while Tyler's loving and relaxed personality made everyone feel welcomed and valued.

## **Tyler Casey ('20 Music Ed)**

This past year was my second year being a part of the Servant team at MCF. It has been a crazy year, and like always, MCF has been right there in the midst of it all, providing a safe and secure group to share life.

Through participating in weekly meetings, Accountability Time, worship, and study, I have gained more appreciation and knowledge of Jesus. I think my biggest change this year has been just being able to be more confident and accurate in describing and talking about my faith in Him. I have also been a part of the worship team, singing and playing different instruments (which has helped me in my own professional development as a future music teacher). Expressing my love for God this way is so great and I feel so honored that God has blessed me with these abilities.

MCF has not only introduced me to so many great friends and experiences but has transformed me into the Christian I am today. I've learned to question *why* I believe in things and to better communicate my faith to my friends and classmates.

## **KirstyAnn Cole ('20 PR)**

My first year serving Murray Christian Fellowship, came with a generous amount of blessings as well as an equal amount of challenges. When Tyler and I began working together last spring, there was a lot of vision and plans in the works for what this year would look like. I, specifically, had a goal of maintaining the health and vibrancy of community among the students. I wanted to see our community flourish with deep, God-centered friendships. I think God has really worked alongside us to do just that. We've had students come and go, but the relationships stand strong. We have made some great memories. I, personally, have made great strides in my relationship with God and have learned how to better serve and reach my community.

From our mission trip, to Arizona, to the 50th anniversary celebration, I have seen how far this community stretches and how God has used our humble ministry to transform the lives of so many. This year has not come without its challenges, of encouraging engagement, from my fellow, busy college students and maintaining positive spirits when times get hectic, but God is good. It also helps to have such a supportive team with Tyler, Mike, Teresa, and all the board members. I am extremely proud of what we accomplished in 2018 and look forward to seeing what we can do in 2019!

# Student View

## **Christian Lamkin (Music Business '22)**

During one of my first experiences at MCF, Mike made a funny joke about how MCF was my fellowship because my name is Christian. In the moment, it lightened the mood, and made me feel comfortable in the new environment, but upon recent reflection, I realized that it's not only funny because it's in the name of MCF, but also because it's true. MCF is my fellowship, the same way that it is of every other participant and every student on campus, because MCF is, in my opinion, one of the most universally open and hospitable organizations on campus. As a freshman, Mike and everyone else have made me

and my friends feel welcome, which is reassuring for us as we learn to live and function on our own. MCF has something that most Christian groups lack—unconditional kindness and understanding. MCF promotes and upholds good moral ideas but does not shame or judge people for past mistakes, instead we are encouraged to recognize when we fall, and strive to be better. Such an environment helps contribute to a safe college experience.

## Alumni Relations

### Devan Caton ('09)

2018 has been an exciting year in the life of MCF! The fellowship of students has seen growth both in numbers and ministry. We were able to award our first ever student scholarship, and we celebrated a momentous occasion - MCF's 50th Anniversary! Throngs of current students, alumni, Board members, family, friends, and even a few famous former campus ministers came together for this milestone at our carnival-themed Big Top celebration, full of food, games, and reminiscing.

My participation with the Board of Directors has afforded me a special vantage point for experiencing each of these spectacular moments this year and continues to bring me back to remembrance of the faithfulness of our God. He is steadfast in His love for us, and MCF's legacy is a portrait of His unwavering favor. We continually see new young people committing themselves to walk with Christ, who then go on to become the loyal alumni who serve Him by lifting up this ministry. Our Alumni Relations Committee continues to consider ways to support MCF's mission by engaging and inspiring these very alumni. If you are interested in participating on the Alumni Relations Committee (whether a little or a lot!), please contact me a [devancaton@outlook.com](mailto:devancaton@outlook.com).

If 2019 is even half as great as 2018, we will count ourselves blessed!

Special note: The Fall 2018 GAP appeal was specifically designated to raise funds for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Between the appeal and the donations given at the event, we were able to cover all the expenses. What a great display of generosity and commitment to the life of MCF!

## The Office

MCF's office was extremely busy this year. Amanda Pennington ('09) resigned after three years of hard work and faithful service. Her lasting contribution of organization and stewardship will continue to help MCF grow as she continues to serve on the Board of Directors as Financial Secretary. Intern, Brianna Scott, filled the position for the remaining of her internship with MCF and assisted in bringing a new level of Social Media and internet communications.

In May, MCF hired Teresa Manning ('93) as the Administrative Assistant. Teresa has brought a wonderful personality and deep Christian faith into the MCF House. Being a Murray State alumnus and with two daughters who have attended Murray State, her care and concern for students is alive and well and she sees her service with MCF as a vital part of the ministry. She is in her 26<sup>th</sup> year of marriage with Anthony Manning, living life for Jesus!



# The Board

Since April of 2018, the Board of Directors have been consulting and discussing with Impact Christian Ministries (a campus ministry planting organization) in hopes of exploring needed areas of development, growth and health. The Board continued the conversation with Impact Christian Ministries in November, 2018; out of those meetings, the Board **is in process of** forming two complimentary committees: Spiritual Care Committee and Property Management, revising the job description for the lead campus minister to include more Spiritual Health Care, and further considerations of having multiple staff and/or interns (possibly becoming a training site for campus ministry apprentices with Impact Christian Ministries).

In addition, in 2018, the Board of Directors experienced the resignation and “retirement” of three (3) members creating the catalyst for a time of evaluation and revision. Dr. Kelly Rogers (MSU professor of Nonprofit Leadership Studies) became the faculty representative to MSU (Fall 2018) and has joined in on the evaluation and revising discussions.

These are exciting times and one can truly see that God is on the move, caring for and nurturing *His* ministry of MCF!

**MCF celebrates and extends deep gratitude to Marie Taylor** for her years of service to MCF, on the Board, as Trustee! She shares the following:

It is a gloomy December day, but I am comfortably settled in my warm, lake home (haven is a better word choice) listening to the HD station play the best in classical Christmas music. So, a perfect setting for writing memories of 15 years of service on the MCF Board. There is no doubt serving on this Board blessed and educated me far more than I contributed to the Board. Every member is dedicated to the campus ministry and how best to impact the lives of MSU students.

My work with students was enhanced, this past year, as KirstyAnn Cole and Nathan Hensley not only participated in our weekly sing-alongs at Fern Terrace but volunteered to assist at Spring Creek Convalescent and Rehab facility for Sunday morning services. Nathan became very effective, leading residents in hymns, which they love. This ministry is not to be taken for granted, as early Sunday mornings are not compatible with college life!

It is so heart-warming to watch students become “buddies” with Fern Terrace residents on Thursday afternoons. Music major, Tyler Casey, brought his “box” to add percussion to our music. As a percussion major, he literally has an arsenal of instruments to master, leaving very little free time. His visits were a special treat. Residents couldn’t wait for the holiday season and kept requesting “Little Drummer Boy.” Thank you, Tyler, for sharing!

My personal thanks to all the MCF students who volunteer at Fern Terrace when they have time in their busy schedules. Even though I am stepping down from the MCF Board, I continue looking forward to working with those students to brighten the lives of others. I try to remind students how much their natural energy affects the elderly, who harbor fond memories of their own youthful days.

May God continue to guide MCF and provide effective leadership in the years to come. I will miss learning from the Dr., the Engineer/Electrician, the Ministers, the Runner!, the “jack-of-all-trades,” the graphic designer, the LBL ambassadors, the student representatives, and mostly Mike Kerrick, the campus minister with amazing vision who keeps everyone on track!

I love you all .... Marie (God loves us more!)

# 2018 Board of Directors and Trustees

## **Directors**

### *Terms Expire in 2017*

Janet Foster (Community Christian Church - Metropolis, IL)

William Call (Christian Community Church - Murray, KY)

### *Terms Expire in 2018*

Marie Taylor (Christian Community Church - Hardin, KY)

Amanda Pennington (Christian Community Church - Murray, KY)

### *Terms Expire in 2019*

Tom Green (Christian Community Church - Murray, KY)

Zack Browning (Reidland Christian Church - Paducah, KY)

### *Terms Expire in 2020*

Larry Call (Christian Community Church – Murray, KY)

Dr. Ruth Ragovin (First Christian Church - Murray, KY)

## **Directors-At-Large**

### *Terms Expire in 2017*

Devan Caton (Redeemer Church - Jeffersonville, IN)

Christen (Johnson) Napp (Journey Church - Murray, KY)

Payton Pennington (Christian Community Church - Murray, KY)

Jordan or Monica West (Christian Community Church - Murray, KY)

## **Trustees**

Marie Taylor - term expires in 2017

Tom Green - term expires in 2018

William Call - term expires in 2019

## **Officers for 2016**

Chairman - William Call

Vice Chair - Larry Call

Treasurer - Amanda Pennington

Financial Sec. - Tom Green

Recording Sec. - Janet Foster

## **Student Representative**

Tyler Casey (Servant Team)

## **Staff**

### **Campus Minister**

Mike Kerrick (August 2008 - present)

### **Administrative Assistant**

Amanda Pennington (September 2015 – March 2018)

Teresa Manning (June 2018 – present)

### **Intern**

Brianna Scott (June 2017 – June 2018)

# MCF Facilities

The Fall 2017 and **Spring 2018 GAP** appeals were specifically designated to raise funds for repairing the leaking basement. We finally have made some significant progress in addressing the basement water problem. Since putting in a new sump pump and drainage system on the West side of the basement, there has been no water coming into the basement. We will continue to monitor the situation, seeing how the 2019 Spring rain season affects the facilities.



## Murray Christian Fellowship Endowment

The growth of the MCF Endowment continues to help facilitate the overall ministry of MCF: the commitment to sharing the great news of real transformed life in Christ with students, faculty and staff at Murray State University ... for years to come!

The MCF Endowment provides opportunities for enhancing the relationships between MCF and current students, as well as impacting current students' collegiate experience. MCF has done great things for them, providing affordable housing for some or allowing them to participate in spiritual formation events at a reduced cost or through special monetary gifts. This year the monies available to disperse (\$706.00), were rolled back into the Endowment.

We eagerly look forward to participating in the financial blessings available to the students and MCF through this Endowment. Thank you to all who have already given and for all who will give in the future.

**2018 New Members of the Murray Christian Fellowship Endowment:**

Donald & Jessie Adams; Vincent and Pam Braddock in memory of J.K. Henshaw

Murray Christian Fellowship Endowment	JAN – NOV 2018
Donor Contributions	\$ 5,050.00
Total Investment Activity (Interest, Gains/Losses)	\$ -551.25
Total Disbursements (Administrative Fees)	\$ 300.00
Available to Grant	\$ 706.00 (Reinvested)
<b>Market Value as of 11/30/2018</b>	<b>\$ 29,376.30</b>

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>JAN-DEC 2018</b>
<b>SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES</b>	
Aurora Christian Church	\$ 345.00
Brookport First Christian Church	\$ 325.00
Carmi First Christian Church	\$ 1,750.00
Grapevine Christian Church	\$ 600.00
Henshaw Christian Church	\$ 1,650.00
Metropolis Community Christian Church	\$ 2,275.00
Murray Christian Community Church	\$ 2,400.00
Murray First Christian Church	\$ 950.00
Murray First Christian Church's CWF	\$ 150.00
Reidland Christian Church	\$ 3,600.00
Sturgis First Christian Church	\$ 600.00
Union Christian Church	\$ 2,915.00
Other (Non-regular)	\$ 1,063.00
<b>TOTAL FROM CHURCHES</b>	<b>\$ 18,623.00</b>
<b>SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUALS</b>	
60+ Individuals / homes	\$ 66,933.92
<b>RENT INCOME</b>	
	\$ 12,015.00
<b>MISSIONS DONATIONS (NO RCPT)</b>	
	\$ 2,432.06
<b>OTHER</b>	
	\$ 1,152.13
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 101,156.11</b>

\*It is with sadness to report that long time supporting congregation Owensboro Christian Church has discontinued financial support.

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>JAN-DEC 2018</b>
<b>Accounting</b>		\$ 475.00
Bank/PayPal Charges		\$ 120.59
<b>Endowment</b> (Murray Calloway Co. Community Foundation)		\$ 550.00
<b>Salary</b>		
Minister	(before tax: \$46,703.64)	\$ 38,006.64
Admin. Asst.	(before tax: \$8,073.00)	\$ 7,294.67
Cleaning	(before tax: \$1,468.80)	\$ 1,341.84
Intern (Salary and Expenses)	(before tax: 2,200.00)	\$ 1,950.95
Payroll Taxes (Federal + KY)		\$ 11,268.04
Professional Development (Books, Conf & Tech)		\$ 80.06
ACM Dues & Exp./CMR/UCMA Dues		\$ 280.00
<b>Programming</b> (Planning, Events & Mileage)		\$ 2002.33
Student Time (On Campus, Students, Seniors, Servant Team)		\$ 768.75
Outreach		\$ 365.84
Missions		\$ 5,656.42
Retreats/Conference		\$ 1,356.30
CCLI License		\$ 129.00
<b>Alumni Relations/ "MCF Banquet"</b>		\$ 2,844.78
<b>Property:</b>		
GAP Projects		\$ 7,713.65
Insurance		\$ 5,288.78
Maintenance & Supplies		\$ 499.65
<b>Utilities</b>		
MCF – Electric		\$ 3,897.24
MCF – WSGS		\$ 2,099.71
Whitnah House - Electric		\$ 2,932.58
Whitnah House - WSGS		\$ 1,843.47
Phone		\$ 414.44
<b>Office</b>		
Supplies (Printer & Tech)		\$ 681.31
Printing & Publications		\$ 74.85
Postage		\$ 520.34
Website Account		\$ 0.00
<b>Misc</b> (Rent Deposit Return)		\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 100,557.23</b>

