

Murray Christian Fellowship

2010-11 Annual Report

Life with God at MCF



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Year in Review: The Hope God has Given MCF

“But make sure in your hearts that Christ is Lord.
Always be ready to give an answer
to anyone who asks you
about the hope you have.
Be ready to give the reason for it.
But do it gently and with respect.”

1 Peter 3:15

One of the most difficult and challenging aspects of being a Christian in this culture is Apologetics – defending the fundamental truths of the Christian faith. Too easily our best defense turns into an offensive competitive argument with the goal of proving that “I’m right” and “You’re wrong!” This year MCF used 1 Peter 3:15 as our key verse in understanding Apologetics; according to this verse, the goal of our “defense” of the Gospel is to share the Hope we have in Jesus.

Fall Semester

I did a random survey of Murray State students asking them their top 3 words to describe the Christian faith. Not surprising, a few of those words were Religion, Bible, Rules (10 Commandments), why is there Sin/Evil, etc. What I was more surprised at were the words that did NOT come to mind: Love, Peace and Joy were not mentioned by many if any.



These **Top 10 Popular Words for Christianity** gave the structure of our consideration of **Apologetics**, specifically here at Murray State. We took each word, looked at the Biblical meaning and considered the practical aspects of these definitions. Throughout our study, we asked continually how these words intersected Jesus (thus the Scrabble visual), who is the source and reason for our hope. The study helped us to consider several important questions: How can we effectively communicate and share

our Hope in Jesus when the MSU community has this understanding of our Christian faith? What do we mean when we say “Jesus saves you from your sin”, or “Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.”? It was a great study and many students came away with a better foundation of faith and means of sharing the truth of Jesus.

For **Fall Retreat**, we brought in MSU professor Dr. Crystal Coleman, who led us in a great lecture/workshop in **Communication**. Her faith and expertise in communication challenged us to

not just speak simply but to listen lovingly, in order to share the hope we have in Jesus to people with whom we are in various relationships.

Alumni Reunion was held at the Ohio Valley Christian Camp (OVCC) this year and very well attended – over 50 people. **Tom and Lois Green** were recognized and honored as **MCFers of the Year** for their many years of participation, support and service as part of our Financial Team.

Another highlight of the semester was our continued tradition of **participating** in events **with other campus ministries** such as National Day of Peace, Mission to Murray & MLK Jr. Day of Service (acts of service to the community), etc. MCF added several students to the work crews for **Mission to Murray**; a few of those students came from Gamma Sigma Gamma (MSU Service Org.) and M.E.S.S. (Murray Environmental Student Society) as a result of our invitation! In addition, MCF participated in **Take Back the Night**, an anti-rape event sponsored by the MSU Women’s Center. All of these experiences came together in amazing ways to facilitate growth and maturity at MCF and strengthen our presence and relationship with MSU.

Spring Semester

We continued our focus on **Apologetics** in the spring by looking at **the songs we sing** during our times of corporate worship. This study helped us see how our **Hymnody Shapes our Theology**; we focused on 10 of MCF’s favorite choruses and hymns. It also provided a great time and place to experience other Christian traditions of worship. We attended Ash Wednesday this year at St. John’s Episcopal Church and visited another campus ministry that is supported by Assembly of God churches. These experiences broadened and grounded our Faith experiences personally and corporately.



Winter Retreat at Washington, IN challenged to our students. The main speaker addressed **The Christian Worldview**. Not everything aligned with what the students hold, but out of this came some great conversations and reflection times that fell right in rhythm with our study of Apologetics. Amazingly the times of worship in music, reading of scripture, prayer and fellowship balanced out the tough thoughts and challenges set forth by the speaker.

From these studies and special times of worship, the relationships and conversations around the house and on campus were a little more focused and intentional on the hope God is giving to each of us and all of us through Jesus. This inspired our participation in a fundraising effort with Christian Community Church; MCF “bought” over 100 Chicks for Orphans. Several students were challenged to live out their faith by going on **summer mission experiences or study abroad programs** to Thailand, Brazil, Austria, Glacier National Park, etc. Many went home to work. Some stayed in Murray for summer classes. All of them took the Words of Our Faith and the Songs We Sing to heart and shared the Hope we have in Jesus.

Numbers at a Glance

Our attendance fluctuated from the upper 20s to low 40s for Wednesday night Synergy, while Sunday night held steady around 10. Friday Night Events were very popular and exciting this year reaching a high of 52. Our Fall Retreat attendance remained consistent around 27 while the Winter Retreat doubled in size with 14!

We had **8 students graduate** this year. Several have started jobs in their careers; some are attending graduate school; a few are looking for employment in and out of their fields and still wondering what God has in store for their lives. I'm confident that the formation they experienced while a part of MCF during their time at MSU will carry them through these times.

Campus Minister

HOPE; what a powerful influence hope has on our lives. Hope is looking forward into life with the faith that the promise of God's love will be made real in diverse and incarnational ways. Without it, we are tossed around by the happenstances of life. With it, one can withstand almost anything that life throws at you. I have held on to the Hope we have in Jesus this past year in so many ways.

I hope MCF will **continue to grow in our depth of relationship as well as breadth in numbers**. Our small groups this year grew in some very significant ways. Not only did student participation increase, but the commitment to each other grew in depth. Students became deeper friends and shared more of their Faith journey experiences; I've witnessed more one-on-one prayer and group discussions, not to mention impromptu fellowship activities – camping/campfires, soccer games, movie nights, coffee runs, and ... so much more!

I hope that MCF's **presence on campus** will continue to impact many lives for Jesus. We have had numerous events out on campus – from simply giving away hot chocolate and popsicles to having **several of our students involved in the Residential Colleges** as RAs and College reps; they also participate in other student organizations such as MESS, the Women's Center, Realities on Campus, playing music at Hart Coffee shop, and much more.

I hope there will be students who listen and respond to the call of being on the **Servant Leadership Team**. According to most students, this past year seemed to be more challenging academically than ever before (many older students attest to this). With that, our students' commitment levels were challenged. I'm excited to say that when moments became critical, most if not all the students **stepped up to the challenge and demonstrated great maturity**. I'm very grateful for everyone who, whether in a formal position of leadership or not, stepped out on faith and kept life at MCF going! Interestingly enough, two of our Servant Team members were married over the summer and another engaged. To me this means that the bigger part of Life is happening and MCF's life goes on in the midst of it all. It has been challenging to our students to balance both aspects of Life – what great life skills this is refining!

I hope that aspects of this **ministry** that have always been will always be **refining, adjusting and meeting people where they are in life**. For example, we changed the day and time MCF goes to **Fern Terrace** to be with the residents at this assisted living facilities so that more students will have the opportunity to participate in this great long standing ministry. Our **Spring Mission experience** was altered from going to Haiti with Lifeline Christian Mission in 2011 to Seoul Korea in Spring 2012. This adjustment did not keep students from participating in Mission experiences; we had students spend the summer in Brazil, Thailand, Austria, Colorado, Glacier National Park, church camps and other places.

I hope the **MCF houses** will continue to **provide a safe and comfortable place** for students to live in community. There has been a tremendous amount of traffic and use of the house which has lead to some repairs and much needed improvements.

I hope MCF's **Alumni Relations Committee** gets some momentum. There are so many ministry opportunities and projects to do around the House for the current students that Alumni can do. So far Homecoming weekend has the most attention. Yet more and more individuals are becoming aware and wanting to help with scholarships for retreats and events for current students. What the current students experience in moderation now, I hope they will emulate in extreme when they become Alumni.

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All said and sung, the **2010-2011 MCF year** from my perspective was great. The Fellowship not only survived, but thrived on the Hope we have in Jesus.

Mike's ministry goals for '10 – '11:

- To demonstrate how scripture can act as a filter for thought, discernment and choices
- To facilitate experiences to articulate and demonstrate the Hope we have in Jesus;
- To continue to initiate and participate in unity-forming events and relationships with other campus ministries

On a personal note:

I turned **40** this year and I wore a yellow Hawaiian shirt to celebrate! I'm glad to be alive!

Psalm 139 (NASB)

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
¹⁰ Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
¹² Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike *to You*.



Joel Thaddeus Kerrick
Born June 29, 2011
8 lbs 12 oz, 21 inches



¹³ For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully

made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained *for me*,
When as yet there was not one of them.

¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

I have sung and prayed this Psalm many times in my life, but never with such extreme depth than this year. Our family has experienced the extreme of new life with the birth of our second son **Joel Thaddeus** to the extreme of pain of me “growing old”(developing kidney stones and having lower GI surgery). Through it all, God – You are there! I’m very grateful for all the people who have surrounded us and helped care for us during these times.

Sarah went full-time at MSU’s Counseling Center and has been able to minister to many more students during times of crisis as well as helping them cope, heal and grow in their specific situations. She also has become more involved with the MSU community. She continues to amaze me in the things she takes on and does so well in completing.



Pierson finished up Pre-School and has plunged head first into Kindergarten. He is enjoying being a big brother- showing Joel how to play, stay awake and clap hands – almost too much. Practices have entered our life: soccer, violin and piano – whewww! (And it only has just begun!)

Student Service Team



The goals of the 10-11 Student Service Team:

- Getting Out of our Comfort Zones and Self-Centeredness
- Becoming Active in our Faith
- Going Deep in our relationships

Staff

Staff members serve for one year (January to December – with the summer off!) in a volunteer servant-leadership position. Each Staff member is responsible for one Zone of the ministry.

The Zones are: (see House Model below for a visual explanation)

- **Outreach** – The Outreach Servant, Hailey Buth, focuses on coordinating events that provide an opportunity to go out and bring in non-Christian students into life at MCF. This area of ministry is in charge of the Front Porch.
- **Inreach** – The Inreach Servant’s job is to make every student who comes through the door feel welcomed and included. Some areas of concentration include coordinating worship for Sundays and Wednesdays, working with the *adoption* coordinator (an intentional matching of older students with newer students) and making sure people feel like a part of the community. Andrea Langford has accepted this servant position.
- **Service** - This position entwines the other two. If anyone else on the serving team needs help on projects or events, those extra hands are filled by the Service position, held by Karissa Magnusson, either personally or by enabling other people in the Fellowship to serve. By this very nature, the Service position is busy with meetings - Round Table (the weekly Servant Team time with the Campus Minister), Board meetings (serving as the student representative), and any other ministry meeting that takes place.

OUTREACH by Hailey Buth ('13)

People can get very set in their own ways and any way different is oftentimes seen as bad or wrong. A terrible yet true example of this can sometimes be seen when the topic of a different campus ministry is brought up. I have personally heard people make rude comments and sneer at campus ministries different to their own. They see the differences rather than the similarities – that



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they are following one Jesus. There are different denominations of Christianity and different groups because everyone is different. But all (the Christian ones at least) still serve the same God. I really like the saying “**one church under one king.**” This is something I want to bring back into MCF. I want our students to learn to love the other organizations, and come to be able to work with them as well. After all, we are called to love everyone.

God has really put this on my heart. Outreach is described in its name; it is about reaching outward, stretching out, trying to influence, and growing with people who are different than us. If we were called to stay in our comfort zone we would still be Jewish. We need to go outward to different groups, ministries, countries, majors, to jump outside of where we feel comfy and invite people into our fellowship of friends. Inviting people into a Christ-centered organization is a very difficult task, even in the Bible belt. So many people hear “Christian” and immediately put up a wall, or they do not notice the different campus ministries and so do not get involved in them. This is an issue I struggle with. I have many different ideas, but getting people to turn around and listen or take interest has been something quite difficult for me. Through this past semester and summer God has been working in me a great deal. He has given me a passion for outreach. The biggest challenge with this has been within myself. I have been rather bad about getting the word out about MCF and about encouraging people to come or invite others. I have been trying to get better about intentionally building relationships with people, which is a huge part of outreach. Through the work God has done though I am filled with more energy, ideas, and I am developing an ability to delegate. I know that sometimes you will not see the fruit of your work, but through the work outreach does we are planting a seed.

I am so excited for this upcoming semester, to see the incredible things God will do through our leadership team, and outreach in particular! We have already put up posters and schedules all over campus, spreading our name throughout campus. During move-in, one of the First Year Leaders stated that he had no work because all of the MCFers were helping people move in!!! How cool is that?! People are stepping out to help and are inviting people! I have also brainstormed many program ideas such as passing out popsicles the first week of classes, playing games that get us out in Murray State, and “bring a friend” competitions that enable our students to show others how God works in us and through us. This next semester should be very exciting and open more and more opportunities to spread God’s love!

INREACH by Andrea Langford ('11)



In the world of Inreach at MCF, the last year has been an interesting one. Last fall marked the end of my “official” responsibilities related directly to the Inreach position, and looked with hope to the newness of the coming spring semester and new Servant Team. However, as it would turn out, the Inreach position on student staff was not filled. Instead, God used several different people to come together to take care of the responsibilities. I was humbled and blessed to

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We gained several new faces to serve on worship teams and were able to walk alongside those individuals as they took on new responsibilities. With the new system in small groups, the burden of responsibility there was lessened with the whole team of small group leaders. Adoption was picked up by the body as a whole and the family dynamic that is a BIG part of MCF was continued.

We were able to see what things were necessary to the function of our MCF family, and what things we could really do without for a time. Overall, we got to see a great picture of how God provides, just as it says in Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply all your needs, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (HCSB)

MCF continues to see God’s provision as Emilie Reinhardt steps up to the plate this semester as an interim Inreach staff member. She has brought lots of new ideas, and the freshness that we expected for the spring term, which is warmly welcomed. With her thoughtfulness to this task, and incredible work ethic, God is providing for a continuation of a healthy family that we all love as MCF.

SERVICE by Zach ('11) and Caroline Bauman('11) Szczepaniak

This past semester, the service position was filled by both Zachary Szczepaniak and Caroline Baumann (now Szczepaniak as well). The first large project was organizing volunteers for the Warming Shelter at St. John’s Episcopal Church. This proved to be a very rewarding and frustrating experience, as although most time slots for that week were filled by MCF volunteers, providing those volunteers required a great deal of coaxing and persuasion. The second large project was the cleaning of the extremely dirty fish tank, which was completed in just a few hours thanks to the help of a few volunteers. The fish were very thankful for their nice clean home. The third large project was completed in July. This was the cleaning/prepping of the basement for future flood-proofing. With the help of many volunteers, the basement floor was swept and vacuumed, cobwebs were cleared, and the largest room was emptied so that it can be fixed-up. In between these large projects a fish-feeder was found, the leadership board updated, and a community events board installed. Day-to-day projects included making and presenting the weekly announcements, running Roundtable meetings, and communicating events to the rest of MCF.



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Our goals for this semester include more community projects, namely organizing volunteers and instilling a service attitude in those volunteers for them to help with yard cleanups for the Tortorelli and Szczepaniak families, soup kitchens, and the Warming Shelter. We wish for MCF to be known as a ministry that serves God by serving the community.

Extendo-Staff

The Extendo-Staff consists of students who serve in one particular job, without the more extensive commitment that Staff makes. January 2011 brought a new twist to extendo-staff make-up; Andrea Langford ('11) served as the **Small Group Coordinator**.

SMALL GROUPS by *Andrea Langford ('11)*



Small groups at MCF are places of spiritual formation and accountability. We share much life together and are able to be open and honest about our opinions as we study God's Word.

In the last year, our approach to small groups at MCF has undergone some exciting changes. We have moved from our Wonder Women/X-Men model to a system of family groups that are based on principles of discipleship and open to anyone. As small group coordinator, I prepare curriculum for the semester and

have weekly meetings with the small group leaders. During our meeting, we go through the bible study, discuss any particular teaching aspects, provide encouragement and support to one another, and are able to hold each other accountable in our teaching. These leaders will then take the lesson to their family groups. This allows for the whole of our MCF body to be sharing similar experiences, which in turn provides a sense of unity. The curriculum is designed to be related to topics used in both Synergy and MAP meetings as well, providing lots of conceptual reinforcement.

Last semester, we learned much from a book study of Francis Chan's *Crazy Love*. Throughout this study, people were challenged to make their love for others more than surface level. Beliefs were challenged and new ideas were considered. Sometimes those were accepted and other times rejected, but most importantly MCFers were THINKING about what they believed and in doing so making their faith their own.

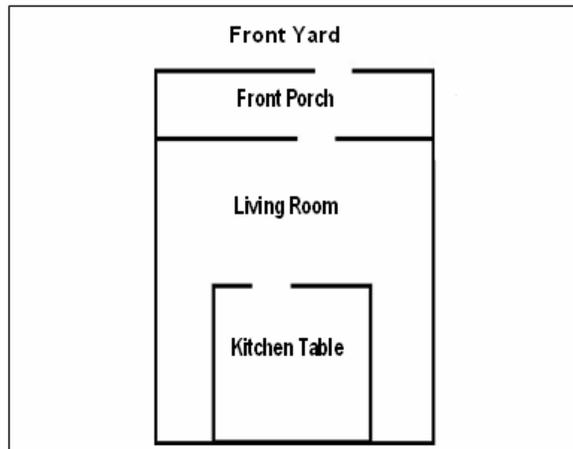
In the coming semester, we are going straight to Scripture to discuss more about what *Love* really is and what applications we can make in our own lives. I am excited to see the spiritual growth that can only come from God and our deepening relationships with Him during this coming semester.

Ministry Model

Each year MCF has an evaluation and planning time when we ask questions like, “What do we have, what do we need, what do we want?” Each year, we realize that *having a campus house* is not only one of our major ongoing blessings and places to experience life, but it is also a place that can keep us off campus. What this means is that we use our campus house very well to build community, provide safety, and create ownership and connection with the ministry of MCF. This fits really well into the Murray State Residential Colleges model. But it also means that we have to “*get out of the House and go do something!*”

The following model is a diagram of how this dynamic occurs at MCF.

MCF has four “rooms”:



1. *Front Yard*: This is our area of overlap with the larger community of MSU. Our on-campus presence exists here in our partnership with other campus ministries through UCMA and Outreach events that take place on campus – ex. food giveaways, etc. This is where we work together with MESS and other student organizations and with MSU events (Great Beginnings, MLK Jr. Day of Service, etc.)
2. *Front Porch*: Is the place where we meet other students in the community of Murray State. Front Porch activities might include cookouts, game nights, or any other Outreach event where those who don't know us get to meet us.
3. *Living Room*: In the Living Room, students become part of and share in fellowship – as a group of Christ followers. Living Room activities include Sunday and Wednesday times of worship and study, hanging out at the campus house, a place to gather for road trips, and a place to plan social events by and for MCF students.
4. *Kitchen Table*: Intimate stuff happens around the Kitchen Table. These activities include Roundtable, Small Groups, accountability, counseling, prayer sessions, etc.

We meet students in the Front Yard and then invite them to our Front Porch events, walk with them into the Living Room and meet at the Kitchen. Students return to places throughout the house and out on campus to continue the flow. This house model emulates what Jesus did when he “dwelt/tabernacled/moved-into-the neighborhood” (cf. Jn 1.14) in order to give us hope and teach us how to share that hope.

Large Group Meetings

Our goals are:

- To provide students with in-depth, relevant Biblical teaching about the Christian faith and life as a follower of Jesus within a fellowship of believers.
- To provide students with the opportunities to partner with the Spirit in their own growth and ministry to Murray State University.
- To provide students with the means and motivation to continue their development within and toward the Church by cultivating character, providing models/techniques for education, and service training for leadership roles in the Church.

With all this in mind, MCF works hard to make sure that our large group meetings are God-centered, scripturally sound, relevant and interactive so that the students can live out the Christian faith in their daily lives at MSU and in future settings.

Our rhythm is to introduce a verse/topic/concept on Wednesday night in a corporate worship setting and then study/discuss that passage in depth on Sunday night. Sunday nights are also the time we consistently celebrate Communion as a fellowship. But throughout the semester, we celebrate and participate in some moving experiences around the Lord's Table on Wednesday nights as well.



Synergy

Defined: (from the Greek *syn-ergos*, *συνεργός* – meaning working together) is the term used to describe a situation where different entities cooperate advantageously for a final outcome. Simply put, it means that the whole is greater than the *sum* of the individual parts. This is what happens on Wednesday nights when the times of worship with song, worship in the Word and worship through relationships come together and partner with God in making Life Happen in the Spirit.

M.A.P.

While *Synergy* focuses on the “spiritual milk” that keeps us healthy, Sunday night’s *Meat And Potatoes* takes a deeper look into scripture and provides good healthy discussion – something you can “sink your teeth into”. A typical night means we look at the text from the first century culture and language, using historical literary criticism by the church. We also discuss how the text intersects with our lives here and now and for the future.

Missions

MCF experienced an interesting year with regard to the Spring Missions Experience that reminds me of something that happened to the Apostle Paul during his second missionary journey (cf. Acts 16). At that time, Paul had planned to visit Asia with the Gospel, but the Spirit prevented this and re-routed him through Phrygia and Galatia instead. For MCF, we had to pull out of our trip to **Haiti with Lifeline Christian Missions** early in the Fall Semester for lack of student participation. At first this was disheartening, but as the year continued, God's providential care became more and more evident. Several students were able to commit to other international and domestic mission endeavors that would have conflicted with the Haiti trip. Some of these experiences were part of their academic careers at MSU as well. In addition to these factors, Mike experienced kidney stones and then underwent lower GI surgery in April. There would have been no way for him to participate in the trip to Haiti, which would have complicated things tremendously. What this has made possible is a "long-distance pastoral call" to some of our international students who live in **Seoul Korea in the spring of 2012**. The students are very excited to see their friends and to experience Christianity "Korean style".



Summary

"Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have" in Jesus. Be ready! Through the many experiences, events and relationships, God has prepared the students of Murray Christian Fellowship to not just give an answer for the hope we have, but to **BE** an answer to the hope people need.

What a great word to speak; what a great song to sing; – **Jesus is the hope of all.**

I am the vine, you are the branches;
those who abide in Me and I in them, they bear much fruit,
for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15.5

MCF Personnel

Administrative Assistant

By **Jaclyn Tompkins ('00)**

Honestly, I don't feel like I worked much last year. Between the generous maternity leave the Board approved and the time I needed off in May to recover from neck surgery, I must say I didn't have a strong presence at MCF. During the maternity leave, I was temporarily replaced by Amanda Rudolph Pennington,



our 09-10 Intern for Administration Ministry. So I knew that all of my responsibilities were more than under control. Luckily, the neck surgery fell at the end of the semester when life slows down at MCF. Needless to say, I spent last year learning how to slow down and receive help.

In light of that, **I had a blast being just an alum** at the Alumni Gathering last fall. I gladly coordinated dates and details for the carpet campaign that has rejuvenated the back room. And as always, I enjoyed trying to keep up with the alumni life updates. This year, in addition to the usual details, mailings, and responsibilities, I am working on organizing Sunday night meals for the students before M.A.P. on Sunday evenings. I remember home-cooked meals being such a blessing when I was a student here at MCF!

Alumni Relations Committee (ARC)

The purpose of this committee is to maintain and enhance relationship between MCF and alumni through communication, involvement and challenges. The committee will consist of a Committee Chair – 2 yr term, Board Rep – 1 yr term, 2 - 4 General Committee Members – 1 yr term and the Campus Minister. The committee consists of Jaclyn (Ellis) Tompkins ('00), Kristin (Hill) Taylor ('01), and Amanda (Rudolph) Pennington ('09). We are looking to fill more positions so that we can better serve our growing family of alumni.

The responsibilities include:

- Communicating in MCF newsletter and other publications updates on life status of alumni: personal news, employment, location, ministry.
- Organizing and implementing specific alumni events: Homecoming, Retreats, Prayer vigils, etc.
- Organizing and implementing alumni projects: Fundraisers, MCF House improvements, etc.

Speaking of Alumni...

Many of you may know that two of our alumni, **Josh ('07) and Lori ('09) Sharp**, have been working for a traveling nursing program this year. Here is what Josh has to say about MCF, being a few years away from it.



“The community of Murray Christian Fellowship was special to Lori and me in several ways. As college students, we both witnessed firsthand the awesome power of the Holy Spirit at work in this ever-changing body of believers. We have seen the leadership change in many ways, including a new campus minister and a new group of alumni supporters, like us, who want to help be a part of this important ministry to Murray State and the surrounding community. Over the last few years, we have been blessed to help provide much needed financial support to MCF. Many of the wonderful memories we have shared with the community of MCF **would not have been possible without the blessings of those that have come before us.** Murray Christian Fellowship has a special place in both of our lives because it is where we first met. It is also where we learned to grow in our faith as Christians. In turn, we were able to share what we have learned through campus outreach and mission trips to Red Sands Christian Church and school. Our prayer is that as new faces come and go, MCF will never lose that strong community of faith. We are proud to be supporters of all the great things God has planned for MCF in the years to come.

Love in Christ,

Josh and Lori Sharp

2010-2011 Board of Directors and Trustees

A Word from the Board



By **Larry Call ('71)**

Trust me, this may be a word from the Board, but I'm seldom bored. I stay too busy! With all the mischief I get into, I still make time for Murray Christian Fellowship. For starters, I'm one of the original students (1968-1971). Then too, I moved to a closer walk with Jesus while still a student. Barbara (Powell) and I were the first couple to meet through MCF and marry. I think our oldest, Benjamin and his wife, Ginger, were the first of a repeat generation to do the same.

I've served on the board for 16 years, this stint, and for a few years in the 1980s. I trust I can occasionally add some seasoned wisdom or at least some salty advice as we help guide activities at MCF that promote Biblical principles and enduring relationships with Jesus and one another. And I'm continually impressed with the quality and commitment of Mike Kerrick, our Campus Minister, his staff (of students) and the students I meet.

“Come quickly, Lord Jesus; but if you don't, give us the faith, strength and resources to keep drawing these students into Your service!”

DIRECTORS

TERMS EXPIRE IN 2011

Tom Green (Christian Community Church, Murray KY)
Zack Browning (Reidland Christian Church, Reidland KY)

TERMS EXPIRE IN 2012

Larry Call (First Christian Church, Brookport IL)
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TERMS EXPIRE IN 2013

Janet Foster (Community Christian Church, Metropolis IL)
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TERMS EXPIRE IN 2014

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TERMS EXPIRE IN 2011

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

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Marie Taylor – term expires in 2011
Tom Green – term expires in 2012

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A Word from our Supporters

Union Christian Church (Hodgenville, KY)

I had to ask one of our Elders how long our congregation has been supporting MCF! (I found out it has been well over 30 years!) We deeply believe in the crucial work that MCF and other campus ministries are doing for the Kingdom. Lives are being changed and strengthened at the "crossroads" that being a college student presents.

Though we are more than a couple hours away from Murray, Mike and a group of students have consistently made time to come and visit with our congregation to keep us up to date with the work that MCF is doing. We are always impressed with the students that come and share with us and are grateful for the loving work that Mike and Sarah continue to do with them!

Steve Campbell
Minister, Union Christian Church (Hodgenville, KY)

The MCF Facilities

The Campus House

As always, there is much to be done to our beloved campus house. Since so many students come here to study, hang out and enjoy each other, making the house a nice place to be is important. This year, more upkeep/changes/repairs have been made:

- New carpet in the back room!
- Repairs to the kitchen ceiling.
- Renovation of the northeast bedroom and upstairs bathroom.



We are still providing very affordable housing for up to three students in the upstairs. These tenants are a good resource for some basic ongoing maintenance of the house – taking out the trash, mowing the yard and providing a continual presence within the house as a means of hospitality and security.

The Whitnah House

The Whitnah House continues to serve as a home for women involved in MCF. Last year, we had four out of the five bedrooms filled up. There is a definite “sisterhood” that develops within this group. Over the summer, every bedroom in the house was full while students were taking summer classes and working in town. The house provides an essential place for them to stay while the university asks students to move out for the summer.

Some of the general maintenance and improvements were:

- Installing gutters on the front and northwest corner of house.
- Filling in a sink hole on the west side of house.
- Removing the old sign in the front yard (with plans to decorate the area with flowers).

Finances

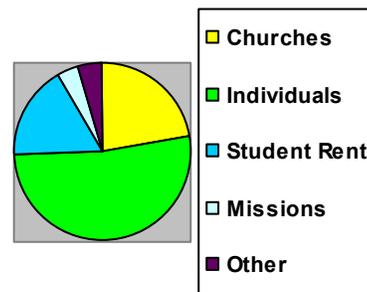
Key to this ministry is relationships

In the midst of the financial situation that the country is laboring under, God continues to bless MCF through the long standing commitments of churches and a host of alumni and friends of MCF who give generously to the ministry. Individual and Alumni giving continues to be the main support of the ministry with a 2:1 comparison to supporter congregations. This has been the developing trend for several years now with regard to missionaries, mission organizations and “para” church ministries. One ongoing relationship with a supporter church has changed. Due to planting a new ministry in Jackson TN, First Christian of Jackson has discontinued their financial giving. *This does not mean* our partnership with First Christian has ended in any way. MCF still continues to reach out to potential Murray State students from this congregation as well as receive prayer and encouragement from these long standing faithful people. This supports our belief that the key to this ministry is relationships.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT

Sept 10 -Aug 11

Churches	21,037.83
Individuals	40,966.00
Student Rent	11,788.05
Missions Donations (not included above)	1,281.03
Other	2,502.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$77,575.37



SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES

Sept 10 - Aug 11

Aurora Christian Church	437.83
Brookport First Christian Church	200.00
Carmi First Christian Church	1,220.00
Grapevine Christian Church	480.00
Henshaw Christian Church	1,875.00
Hickman First Christian Church	300.00
Jackson, TN First Christian Church	450.00
LaCenter Christian Church	2,000.00
Metropolis Community Christian Church	2,100.00
Murray Christian Community Church	1,350.00
Murray First Christian Church	500.00
Murray First Christian Church CWF	100.00
Owensboro Christian Church	4,500.00
Reidland Christian Church	2,520.00
Sturgis First Christian Church	600.00
Union Christian Church	2,405.00
TOTAL	21,037.83

MONTH REPORTED		Sept 10 - Aug 11
Receipts		
Regular		66,536.97
Admin. Asst.		5,220.00
Website Account		720.00
GAP/World Vision		1,643.00
Retreats		1,379.00
Mission Trip Fund		1,718.03
	Total Receipts	77,217.00
Disbursements		
Salary, Minister		41,400.00
Salary, Admin. Asst.		8,026.37
Phone		465.55
Electric		3,321.34
Other Utilities		1,930.93
Whitnah – Electric		2,169.61
Whitnah – Other Utilities		1,105.88
Postage		627.00
Printing		542.35
Website Account		648.00
Maintenance		5,816.03
Literature		64.81
Program		5,270.59
Insurance		2,945.03
Office Supplies		683.93
Association Dues/Exp./CM		280.00
Bank/Paypal Charges		128.72
Room Deposit Return		400.00
Retreats		2,415.94
Missions		351.11
Alumni Banquet		546.58
CCLI License		109.00
Accounting		340.00
Internship		0.00
Miscellaneous		550.82
	Total Disbursements	80,139.59