



ALUMNI OFFICERS

Alumni

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Wow! God has led us through some interesting journeys in our lives. I started at the college in the fall of 1982. After graduation in 1984 I began working for the college. Mid-South Christian College was my life. Life seemed very hard with the two moves, one from Senato-

bia to Memphis and one from Memphis property on Elvis Presley Blvd to our current location, but God carried us through those years. Since then I have married and have 4 children. When my husband and I decided I should be a stay-at-home mom he

became a professor at MSCC. I enjoy being "plugged in" with the college. With many choices and perseverance we are where and who we are today. Our lives have been forever changed because I chose

to attend Mid-South Christian College.

What a joy it was to reconnect with friends from college at the reunion in May! We told stories and memories of our time at MSCC. We shared what has been happening in our lives since that time. (If you missed the reunion, make plans now for next year.)

MSCC is embarking on a journey that will be interesting, trying and exciting. As an alumnus, I am thrilled that we are starting the accreditation process. However, MSCC will need our help as Alumni. Within our families and

congregations we need to encourage ourselves and others to attend and participate in college sponsored activities (Ladies' Day, Men's Retreat, Chapel services, work days, Family Alumni Reunion). We need to encourage our children and people of all ages to take a class or become a full-time student. We need to encourage ourselves and others to give financial support to the college either monthly or for a specific project. Encourage each other to pray for the college staff and faculty.

Be positive and proud of the college we chose to go to. Let us, as Alumni be a positive role model for our new Alumni. Let God take us on this journey together.

Wendy Simpson Barulli,
Alumni Secretary



“I ALREADY know what I want for my birthday and for Christmas!” Those are the words spoken by my youngest son just a few days ago – words that inspire fear



Larry Griffin,
MSCC President

in the heart of any father who has a child celebrating both events in the same month. Your mind immediately begins to review the budget,

and you tell yourself that if there is any way possible, you will try to fulfill the dreams and hopes of your child.

Being a Bible College President is sort of like that as well. From students, faculty, staff and alumni, I constantly hear the words, “I know what we need.” I know, too, but

my mind immediately goes to the budget, the numbers, the morning mail; there just never seems to be enough. But, I vow that if there is any way possible, the faculty, staff and students will have what they need to fulfill their dreams and hopes for Mid-South Christian College.

What are your dreams for your alma mater? In your wildest imagination, what do you see MSCC becoming? God tells us in Psalm 37:4, “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (NKJV) What are the desires of your heart? Not, I hope, frivolous, self-centered wishes, but genuine, heartfelt yearnings for the betterment of the Kingdom of God.

God will truly provide, but it depends upon us to let Him use us as conduits of his blessings. He has given each

of us resources – be they financial, human or spiritual – and it is our duty to let Him use those resources for the advancement of His kingdom. Do you know what Mid-South Christian College needs? Do you have dreams or hopes for the school? Why not ask God how you can be used so that “the desires of your heart” will be granted!

Blast from the Past—1979

John Bliffen, Tom Thomas, Jim Bliffen, Nathan Thomas and Terry Anderson,



A LOOK AT AN MSCC STUDENT

Where are you from? I was born in Joplin, MO, but I am coming from Baldwyn, MS.

Hobbies: Playing sports, attending sports events, spending time with family and friends.

Last book I read: Purpose Driven Youth Ministry

Favorite all time TV program? Sports Center

Favorite all time Movie?

The Sandlot

Best advice I ever got: Honor God and He will honor you.

Favorite Meal: Lasagna

Why did you choose MSCC? I wanted to become a Youth Minister.

What I like best about MSCC? The staff.

Favorite Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13—God will not give you more than you can handle.



Jacob Thomas

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dear Mid-South Friends,

I really don't know how to start, so here goes nothing. My name is John Lumpkin and I attended Mid-South starting in the spring of 1983 and going until the fall of 1986. The first room mate I



**John Lumpkin & family,
MSCC Alumnus 1983-1986**

had was Nathan Thomas. It was a good thing they put me with Nathan. He was the shyest person I had ever met, I brought him out of his shell and created the person you know today. You're welcome. Nathan and I have been friends ever since. You would probably agree that if it weren't for Nathan keeping in touch, I wouldn't do such a good job of correspondence. I think he does a good job of updating us.

I also have great memories of Robert and Jane Gibson, Donna Haisty, Susan Dixon and Carolyn Anderson. I remember them before they were married. I remember taking trips to Senato-

bia, to the Pizza Hut there. I remember Nathan offering the blessing for food so loud that we almost died with laughter. I remember playing basketball with Daniel Richardson for 9-10 hours until I cramped so hard I couldn't walk. I remember skip days, playing pranks, Ray Kelly, Mark Fessler, Dr. Eaton, Tim Viner, Mom and Pop Howard, Cindy Deruan (I hope I spelled here name right) and how hard she worked in the cafeteria. I remember Robert Gibson working 40 plus hours a week and still maintaining a 4.0 average. I remember Robert's red Dodge Dart and Nathan's maroon Dodge Aspen. Do you remember my white Camaro?

Things I miss: I miss all the above and more. I miss hearing Gerald Gibson speak on a regular basis. I miss seeing my friends on a daily basis. If I had known what I know now, I would have studied harder and slept in less. I would not trade my Mid-South memories for anything.

What happened after Mid-South? I joined the Army in 1987 and was stationed at Fort Drum, New York with the 10th Mountain Division in an Artillery Unit. Around 1988, Robert Gibson Showed up with Jane, (he had

joined the Army too, and was in a Helicopter Unit). In 1989 Jane hooked me up with a lady that has the prettiest blue eyes I have ever seen. Can anybody else relate to Jane Gibson being a matchmaker? Debbie Russell and I married on 7 July 1990. I got out of the Army in 1990 and was called back in in 1991 for Desert Storm.

Debbie and I have been married for 16 years. We now live in Clarksville TN. We have two daughters: Amanda age 14 (she is talented like her mother) and Hannah soon to be 8 in Nov. (she acts like me, so pray for her). I work in a Flour Mill in Hopkinsville, KY, so if you want to help me out, eat McDonald's biscuits, Frito-Lay products and Krusteaz Pancake mixes. Debbie is a Music teacher at Stewart County school district in Dover, TN. We attend Grace Church of the Nazarene in Clarksville. Debbie plays piano, Amanda plays flute and I teach an adult Sunday School class, can you believe it? This probably enough info for now, if you would like to know more or catch up call me at 931-906-0643 (leave a message) or e-mail me at jlumpkin@earthlink.net

Love and Miss You All,
John Lumpkin

Alumni Yearly Dues:

\$20 per person or \$30 per family

Why should I pay dues to be an alumnus of MSCC?

*My official membership clearly lets the accrediting association know that my education at MSCC was valuable.

*My official membership clearly lets the administration know that I am behind the college, and the changes that are being made.

*My official membership assures that I will be "in the loop" on the future direction my college will be

taking.

The annual alumni fee will cover the cost of the newsletters and directories, an Alumni Scholarship, and expenses of the Reunion. For those who sign up and pay their dues, an Alumni Directory will be sent to you.



Please mail your dues to the school at: P.O. Box 181056, Memphis, TN 38181.

**"Have you
lost your
mind? Pay
your dues!"**



Blast from the Past—1985

Darryn Davis & Margaret (Hudson)
Harrison

MSCC FAMILY REUNION

**Friday & Saturday
May 25 & 26, 2007**



**Special Speaker:
Gerald Gibson
Former President
of MSCC**

Mark your calendars and start booking a motel room early!

If you're not able to come on this weekend, remember there are other opportunities to come to the MSCC campus—Ladies Day, Men's Retreat, Minister's Appreciation Banquet—just to name a few.



Congratulations to Bill Griffin who was the first recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award. If you would like to nominate someone for the next award, you can send their name and why you feel they should be nominated to email:

HisPainYourGain@aol.com

or snail mail at:

Nathan Thomas, 286 Buffalo River Heights Rd, Linden, TN 37096

We have a new way to keep in touch!



If you are a student, faculty member, alumnus, or friend of MSCC, consider this your official invitation to join MSCC's group on Yahoo. This free online service is a convenient way to connect with others who share the same interests and ideas through a web site and email group. All of this is provided in an easy-to-use, privacy-protected, and spam-protected environment.

So what exactly does this mean? Well, basically, it is a way to stay in touch with each other. When you join, you can send and receive email messages to the group, either through your email program or by going to the group website. We also have a group calendar, a place for uploading photos, and several other neat features. You can even browse the messages online, just in case you don't have access to your email or if you want to read older messages.

To get a clearer idea of what our group is all about, you really just have to see it. Go to our group website at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/midsouthcc/>

You can subscribe there at the website or by emailing me at

honeybeedebbie@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

Debbie (McElhenney) Mayes

