



THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER !

Alumni

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It has been such a thrill to put together the MSCC Alumni newsletter. It brings back so many memories. We want you to know that this is your newsletter too. We need your help. We need pictures, news, articles, memories. Anything that you would like to send would be greatly appreciated.



Besides the Alumni Officers, last year we selected Alumni Representatives so we could have each decade represented.

They are:

1960s - Bill Griffin

1970s - Kelly Eastham

1980s - Lisa (Bowlby) Sheckell

1990s - David Chicagula

2000s - Jaush Russell

Please continue to pray and support the Alumni and MSCC. Get on board!

Here is a message from the Alumni Vice President:

I have been working with a lady from Ring Leader now for about six months. We have an opportunity for anyone who attended MSCC to get a ring. If you attended for one semester or finished with a two or four year degree, you can get a ring. Any other Bible College or State University would not allow non-graduates to receive a ring, but we will. For non-graduates, the ring would have the MSCC seal on one side and a Bible and cross on the other side, but not the graduation year or the type of degree. All graduates will

have the year of graduation and type of degree on their rings.

Here is the estimated cost of the rings:

Men's 10 kt gold = \$380.00 - \$400.00 ; Women's 10 kt = \$320.00 - \$350.00 ; the less expensive ring is silver and the cost is for men and women both = \$150.00 - \$250.00.

Ms Sasser told me that if we can get twenty people to sign up and buy a ring, she would give us a discount.

If you are interested or have any questions, email me at

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Jim McQuarry



“THEY DIDN’T teach me **THAT**

in Bible College!” I don’t know how many times on the mission field I pronounced those words. It wasn’t that my Bible College education was defi-



Larry Griffin,
MSCC President

cient; in fact, when I compared it to my fellow students in seminary, I was amazed at the quality of my undergraduate education from Mid-

South Christian College. No, MSCC’s teach-

ers gave me some of the most solid, biblical and thorough theoretical training available. The main problem was just that – it was theoretical.

Oh sure, I had a weekend youth ministry, and I was involved in other outreach efforts, but these were basically alongside of my education, not really a part of it. The result was that once I was on the field I continually came across situations for which I did not

feel adequately prepared. “They didn’t teach me that in Bible College!”

I don’t think I am alone. In fact, as I have discussed this issue with other ministers, I have found that almost all agree that the major part of their ministerial preparation came in the first few years after graduation. Learning to deal with elders and church boards, struggling to put together budgets, finding the right answers for people going through crises, fixing the broken baptistery heater on Saturday night – all of these were learned by doing them, rather than reading a book.

So, why do we continue to do Bible College education by the book? Mid-South Christian College is entering into a new experimental program this Fall called Action Learning. Incoming Freshmen will not just enroll in school, but they will actually become part of a ministry task force that will literally jump into a real-life ministry challenge. This year’s project is in cooperation with the East Win Christian Church in Memphis, TN, where

the team will begin the research, planning, implementation and evaluation of a brand new, multi-cultural outreach to the East Win community. Faculty members will become mentors as well as teachers, and the students will learn, not just by reading about or reflecting on ministry, but by actually doing ministry.

We are actively seeking preachers, youth ministers, worship leaders, musicians, Bible study group leaders, etc. to make up this team. Our dream is that they will work together over the next four years on this project, and will actually graduate as a team. Do you know someone who doesn’t just want to study ABOUT ministry, but actually wants to DO it? If so, ask them to check out this opportunity at www.DoSomethingReal4Jesus.com. I guarantee they will learn things in Bible College that you never dreamed of!

Blast from the Past

The Burnette family

From the 1972 yearbook



... participation in God's campaign.

Blast from the Past—from the 1977 yearbook

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It doesn't seem possible that I've been out of college at Mid-South for 35 years but that's right. I graduated in 1972. Since then I've served 4 churches. I have some fond memories of my time at the college. When I arrived at the college my living



Doug & Ann Votaw

quarters weren't the best. I slept in the room that would later become the chapel and then the book store in the original building. I

roomed with Dale Harris, Theron's brother. What I remember about my first days was that I met Ann. It did not take too long until we went out.

Our first date was to a football game. Later I found out she really didn't care anything about football. We were called one day into the president's office for holding hands in the hall. There was no PDA allowed. I remember thinking Johnny Kautt could preach the longest ser-

mons. Now I'm not sure I don't preach that long. I remember thinking how smart Brad Burnett was. My memory concerning Dennis Dutka was his reply to the oft asked question: "how do you spell that?" He would always answer, "how do I spell it or how is it spelled?" To this day I'm not a very good speller.

The students at the college became the group you hung around. I remember the parties we used to have at Jim and Sandy Thornton's. I remember the night Gary and Rhoda Thorton got married and wrecked Gary's car. I will always be grateful for the fond memories, but what I appreciate about my time at Mid-South the most is the opportunities I was given to serve. Almost from day 1 I was busy in some kind of ministry.

Doug



Following in the footsteps of his father, Doug Votaw has served in the ministry for 37 years. He earned his Bachelor of Sacred Literature degree from Mid-South Christian College and his Master of Arts in Practical Ministry from Cincinnati Christian Seminary.

Doug accepted the call to minister with First Christian Church in Adamsville, TN, in November, 1970. Since then, he has served Central Christian Church in Stuttgart, AR, and the Church of Christ in Redwood Falls, MN. In November, 1993, he and his wife, Ann, moved back to Arkansas when they were called to minister with

Southwest Christian Church in the Little Rock area.

Doug has been married to Ann for 37 years. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

Doug's greatest desire is to see the kingdom of God grow.

**Doug Votaw
MSCC 1972**



Blast from the Past

1981

Pop and Mom Howard

Blast from the Past

Lucy Proffitt, Mom Brown & Robin Weeks

From the 1979 year-book



UPDATE ON MSCC FAMILY REUNION

We have heard from a lot of the alumni and find that there are not many who can make it to the reunion on May 25 & 26, 2007. Because of this, we will not have the Reunion this year.

Plans are still being made for the Reunion for next year. More information will be given as it becomes available.

MSCC RECOLLECTIONS

Our first memory is our trip down to Senatobia to speak for the 1981 Commencement ceremony. We thought we would never get there. We drove and drove and drove and finally came to an opening. There stood the MSCC Campus. It was like discovering Shangri-la. It was love at first sight. Everything was neat and clean. The swimming pool was inviting, and the camp down by the lake was beautiful. But the most memorable experience was meeting the faculty, staff and student body. We were impressed. However, at the time we never dreamed of returning to be the fourth president of the college.



The Gospel Jamborees with the Ladd's and other outstanding singing groups along with powerful speakers also were memorable occasions for us. Handing diplomas to the students at graduation commencement services was also a wonderful and commemorable experience. I also enjoyed beating Bill Griffin in golf every now and then. He was a formidable foe.

I spoke at an average of two churches every week while we were there. The Mid-South people really know how to eat. Orbie Beards's catfish were the best I have ever eaten. I might add, having our daughter, Cindy as Food Service Manager, was a true blessing. She was able to "multiply the loaves and fishes."

The entire seven years we served as President of the college was a memorable experience.

Gerald Gibson

* Editor's note: The Lord has blessed the Gibsons and their ministry in Colorado. You can email Gerald at : WWMissions@aol.com