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Final approval for 4-year Bible degree

The college was approved as a Bachelor's degree granting institution by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, our regional accrediting association, in formal action on November 4, 1980. MCC will award its first four bachelor's degrees in Bible on May 9, 1980. This indeed is the realization of a dream. *These graduates have all been hired by congregations already.*

In the late 50's, Otis Gatewood, President of what was then known as North Central Christian College, and the Board of Directors described a beautiful dream to midwestern Christians. The dream was a Christian College which would train young people so that they would remain in this area and help the church grow. One key aspect of this dream was the training of gospel preachers.

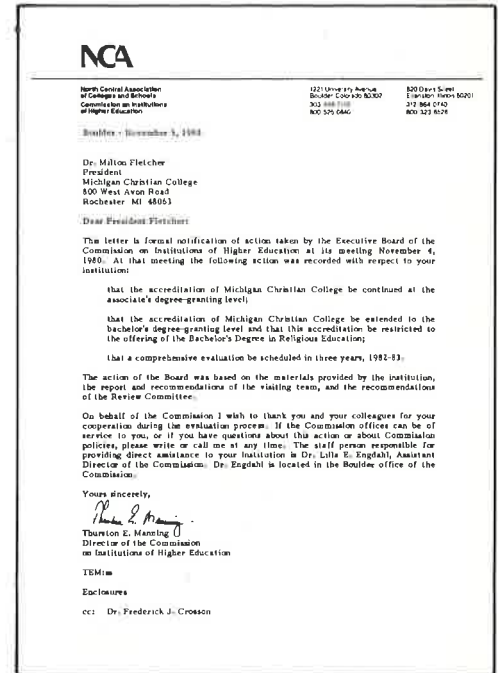
In the early 70's, MCC became an accredited junior college. Almost immediately, the administration and the faculty under the leadership of President Don Gardner set about the two-fold task of strengthening the junior college program while preparing for a bachelor's level degree with a major in Bible. The emphasis of the new degree was to be on the training of preachers. The keen interest and help of

area congregations as well as the Madison (TN) and Richland Hills (Fort Worth, TX) congregations provided the faculty for the new courses. The Associates and other Christians helped finance the dramatic increase in the Library's collection.

In 1978 the Board of Education of the State of Michigan approved MCC as a four-year college offering a Bachelor's Degree with a major in Bible. A unique State law requires that any new bachelor's degrees requiring Bible courses be named BRE, Bachelor of Religious Education. A comparable degree at our sister schools is a BA with a major in Bible. A three year certificate was begun to recognize the work of students who completed the extended Bible training program.

Because of the quality of the work at MCC, Senior Christian Colleges accepted these students as seniors in transfer. Monday School was begun about this time in order to provide training to area adults who wanted Bible classes but who could only take classes one or two days a week.

Nearly 100 million people live within a night's drive of Detroit. MCC's new degree trains gospel preachers of any age to serve the congregations reaching out to those people and to others around the world.



Phon-a-Visit ends with total pledges above last year

Surpassing the 1979 total by \$18,000, this year's Salary-Sharing phone campaign reached a total of \$193,000. This represents about 35% of the \$560,000 in gift income that must be raised during this fiscal year to bridge the gap between student income and the actual cost of operating the College.

Hopefully, the balance will be raised from the Partnership Dinner next April, from our great Associates and Men's Club, Board gifts, and various other sources.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who pledged. Without your participation it would be impossible for MCC to continue to function in its present role.

A special bouquet to each of the 73 volunteers who manned the telephones night after night throughout the month. Shown here is a typical group at work, with Dave Lobb, one of our Board members in the foreground. Dave and his wife, June, manned the phones every night of our month-long campaign.



Before December 31 . . .

Michigan Christian College exists only because Midwestern Christians want a great school in our own area. For the past 25 years, thousands of Christians have refused to wait for someone of great wealth to step forward and build a school. Rather they have given as they could and God is blessing the effort.

Again, during these closing days of 1980, hundreds of Midwestern Christians will reflect on what God is doing in their lives and mail a check to Michigan Christian.

Your support of MCC is needed now before the end of the year. Your gift makes it possible for 350 Midwestern youth to study the Bible regularly as they train for their life work. But perhaps even more critical, they live and study in a Christian atmosphere, under Christian teachers. If you want this for the young people you know, join the thousands of others like yourself who aren't waiting until they can give a fortune but are rather giving what they can now.

If you live in Michigan you may choose this year to give MCC 20% of your Michigan income tax rather than pay it to the state. If you haven't already given this income tax money to support Christian education, you must act quickly. You can give a maximum of \$200 per couple, or 20% of your state income tax to MCC provided you give \$1 of your own money for each tax dollar you divert from Lansing to MCC. These tax dollars can be given only to colleges in Michigan.

Robert Utley elected MCC Board Chairman

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held in October, Robert Utley was elected to the post formerly held by Dr. Howard Hagerman of Holt, Michigan.

Mr. Utley has recently concluded a 15-week stint as Interim President of MCC, allowing President Milton Fletcher time to wind up his duties at Abilene Christian University before joining MCC full-time the first of December.

Commenting on his election, Utley said, "When I consider the leadership of the four chairmen who have preceded me, I am awed and humbled. However, I am grateful for the confidence placed in me by the Board and I look forward to working with it and President Fletcher in this new role. I believe the next few years will be exciting as our 4-year Bible degree program gets into high gear, as our student body continues to grow, and as we watch the growing benefit to the Lord's church here in the Midwest."



ACU confers doctorate on President Fletcher

One of the highlights of this year's lectureship program was the occasion of President Fletcher receiving the Doctor of Laws degree from Abilene Christian University. In conferring this degree, Dr. John Stevens, president of ACU, cited Mr. Fletcher's valuable contributions to Christian education during his eight years at ACU. According to Dr. Stevens, Fletcher is only the second Abilene Christian administrator or faculty member to become president of another Christian college; the first being Batsell Baxter who left to become president of David Lipscomb College in 1932.

Volunteers

Volunteers are like FORD

They have better ideas

Volunteers are like COKE

They're the real thing

Volunteers are like PAN AM

They make the going great

Volunteers are like DIAL SOAP

They care more, don't you wish

everybody did?

Volunteers are like VO5

HAIR SPRAY

Their goodness holds in all

kinds of weather.

Volunteers are like

HALLMARK CARDS

They care enough to give the

very best.

Volunteers are like STANDARD OIL

You expect more and you get it.

But most of all —

Volunteers are like

FROSTED FLAKES

THEY'RE GRRREEEAAATT!

High School Day

March 28, 1981

Chapel • A Capella Chorus
Campus Tours • Autumn • Brighter Days
Celebration in Song

Program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For those coming from a long distance, overnight housing will be available. Details later.



93% of student body averages over \$2,500 in financial aid

Figures released by Kent Hoggatt, MCC Director of Financial Aid, reveal that \$738,719 in financial aid has been awarded to MCC students for the 1980-81 academic year. Ninety-three percent of the full-time students are receiving aid, each student averaging over \$2,500. This average covers over two-thirds of the expenses for a full-time boarding student.

Federal funded aid programs account for \$393,150 of the awards. Grants make up well over two-thirds of this figure, while loans and work complete the remainder.

Michigan residents are receiving \$185,876 in aid from state funded grant programs. These grants are available to state residents only when they attend a private college in Michigan. Early application for these grants will be necessary for next year since the state is making major budget cuts.

College sponsored programs, consisting of various types of awards and scholarship, total \$51,193. Profits from the MCC Bookstore help provide funding of these programs.

Students interested in receiving financial aid for the 1981-82 academic year are encouraged to apply for aid during the months of January and February. More information about financial aid programs and application forms may be obtained from MCC.

College purchases diesel highway bus

Friday, November 21, the MCC student body was given a special surprise. While everyone was assembled at chapel, a 39 passenger diesel bus with "Michigan Christian College" emblazoned on the sides rolled up in front of the West Side Central Chapel. The purchase of the bus had been kept secret and the announcement of our new acquisition was met with a standing ovation. Chapel was dismissed early as students and staff rushed out to eagerly examine the coach from front to back.

The bus is a used, highway diesel manufactured by Motor Coach Industries, the maker of Greyhound buses. The bus has a reconditioned engine and is equipped with air conditioning and a restroom. It is intended primarily for longer trips and is a welcome relief to all who have experienced the bumpy rides and frequent breakdowns of the old schoolbus.

The search for a suitable highway bus began last May. Initial funds and motivation for the purchase were obtained as a result of a generous gift made by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burgett of Ann Arbor. These funds were supplemented by a gift from William Mitzelfeld, owner of a Rochester



department store and by a pledge from the Associates of MCC.

Delivery of the bus coincided with a chorus trip to Cleveland and its performance was cheered by all passengers. Future plans call for the bus to take the

basketball team to Harding University for the Christian Junior College Tournament and the Chorus on a spring tour of Northern Michigan. Thanks to the efforts of many people, these students and others to come can now ride in style.

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Calendar

January 11
Winter Semester Begins

February 7
Homecoming

March 27-28
Celebration in Song
High School Day

April 11
Partnership Dinner XI

Michigan Christian College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin in the execution of its educational program, activities, employment, or admissions policies except where necessitated by specific religious tenets held by the institution and its controlling body.

Memorial Gifts

October 1, 1979-November 30, 1980

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When you wish to honor a departed friend or relative, you may do as many thoughtful people are now doing by sending a memorial gift to Michigan Christian College. Friends or family of those whose memory you have honored will be notified by a beautiful card.