

Cougar Connect

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Praying together as fellow athletes after a good game.

Photo by Kyndra Herring.

JV Team lineup: Coach - Howard Dillard Jr, 2 Trevor Sphinx, 3 Nick Hopper, 5 Derion Calloway, 10 Nigel Flowers, 12 Brandon Gibbs, 13 Quad're White, 15 Kyle Davis, 20 Sean Morecraft, 22 Garrett Rice, 23 Jerry Carter Jr, 25 Garrett Ballard, 32 Nicholas Smith, and 33 Josh Byrd



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Dear MCU Community,

I am pleased to present the first ever *Cougar Connect*. The addition of a campus newsletter has been needed for quite some time, and I believe that this newsletter will help to build a greater sense of community on the campus of Mid-Continent University. The staff of the *Cougar Connect* is just as excited about this newsletter as I am. We hope that you read the newsletter, because in it, you will find not only what has been happening on campus, but also what is going to be coming up in the near future. This first issue takes a more serious note with a tribute to Dr. Acree, Dr. Cecil, and Tye Jackson. All in all, the goal of this newsletter is to bring this campus together. Let's all take the time to read it so that we can become a closer community!

By: Myriah Snyder

Chapel

1/23/13

Passage: Romans 14:11-12
There are three types of people:

Committed followers of Christ pick up their cross and carry it daily. They also are never too shy to share Christ.

Enemies of God oppose the Gospel but love the world. They hate the Truth, and they are not born again.

Fans of God are the most dangerous and largest group of people. They are not really committed, but they think that they are.

Connection: What type of person do you fall under?

1/30/13

Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18:15

In this chapter, Paul is giving a testimony of his missionary work.

Christians have been called to God's work.

"God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called."

Connection: Are you doing what God is calling you to do?

By: Kyanna Jackson

Are you feeling a conviction about salvation? Maybe it is time to take a trip down the Romans Road.

Romans 3:23- "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:13- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus."

Romans 10:9- "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 5:1- "Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ."

Notes



MOVIE NIGHT!

Every Friday and Saturday night in the loft at 7:00 p.m.!

Student Life

New Beginnings Bloom on Campus this Spring

Fresh changes are taking light on our campus this spring semester. The new community lineup this semester is as follows: two new resident directors Wayne and Emma Chapman; student activities director Catherine Morris; a large and highly improved Cougar Closet run by Melanie Blalock in the cougar center, and now our traditional student focused newsletter. Our small community is gearing up for a more close-knit and connected environment campus-wide. "I'm excited about all of the new things happening here. I can't wait to see where God is taking Mid-Continent this semester," explains junior Natalie Duvall. Student life is ever-improving with more movie nights in the loft, school spirit, game advertising, pizza parties as rewards, and many more events to come. The student life section hopes to keep you on your toes by checking for your face to be featured here monthly as we track our campus community journey this semester. - By: Tessa Sanders / Photos provided by various student accounts from Facebook and Instagram.



Campus Style

Hailing from Phoenix, Arizona, junior Bry Navarro is recognized as a student with appearances on her mind. Whether it's a classic plaid shirt, or a stylish pea coat, she owns her style and isn't afraid to stick out amongst the sea of sports sweats on campus.

"My style changes on a daily basis," she claims nonchalantly. Her style inspiration comes from the folk-rock singer Brandi Carlile and TV personality Ellen DeGeneres. When asked what her favorite piece was in her closet right now, she laughed with her answer. "Actually, it's this shirt! It makes me feel lucky." If Bry's style inspires you, she frequents stores such as PacSun, Forever21, H&M, and Journey's. After all, imitation is the greatest form of flattery! - By: Tessa Sanders

Let's all pause for a moment to talk about pants and respect. A definition of respect (according to dictionary.com) is as follows: "to show regard or consideration for." With this definition in mind, please allow me to address the gentlemen first. Ladies, we will address some issues regarding your pants in a moment.

Gentlemen: I have pondered this question for quite a long time, yet, I can never find a suitable answer for it: Why is it a social norm for guy's pants to be on the ground? It just doesn't make any sense to me. I can only assume that men "sag" their pants to impress girls. Nevertheless, I am a lady, and I am NOT impressed when I see four inches of a man's "drawers" hanging out of his pants. It is even more repulsive when the man is wearing underclothes that are "form fitting," if you get what I'm saying. The only thought that crosses my mind in this situation is to ask the poor boy if he needs me to buy him a belt! Really, what message are you trying to send when everyone can see your boxers or "tightie whities"? Do you realize how ridiculous you look to the majority of the population that has no interest in seeing your posterior?

Lastly, my question to the male crowd that has yet to learn how to properly put on clothes is this: At what age do you decide to pull your pants up? NO ONE wants to see an 80 year old with his pants on the ground! Have some respect for those of us who are repulsed, offended, or generally disgusted by the sight of your practically exposed backside; please, PULL UP YOUR PANTS.

Now for the ladies: Thankfully, it is not "in fashion" to sag our pants, but almost as bad is the idea of wearing leggings or tights for pants. LEGGINGS ARE NOT PANTS! I, for one- and I assume the majority of the female population, do not want to see every curve, shape, and crease of your posterior. Wearing tights with a tunic or short dress is good. It's in good taste, fashionable, and not offensive. Why show basically everything that you have, just because you can, by not wearing appropriate length clothing to cover up your backside? That is NOT in good taste, neither is it respectful to the men who are forced to see you.

Everyone: This should go without saying; THIS IS A CHRISTIAN CAMPUS! Why do we not treat it as such? If you don't like the idea that it is Christian campus, then perhaps you made the wrong decision to come here. Nevertheless, while you are here, why not show some respect and COVER YOUR GLUTEUS MAXIMUS?

By: Myriah Snyder

Campus Literature

Attention MCU student body: **We Need You!** If you have written anything that you want to submit to the literary section to be considered for publication, please contact Myriah Snyder at myriahsnyder@hotmail.com. We are looking for involvement from every MCU student to build the Cougar Connect!



Let's Talk Pants

On the Edge of Eternity

The community of Mid-Continent University has become well acquainted with grief. The staff and students of MCU have unfortunately let go of three beloved faculty members in the course of a short time: Dr. Jack Acree, Dr. James Cecil, and Security Officer Tye Jackson. Each of these instances reminds us that life is fragile and death strikes at times we often do not expect. These men stood for Christ and in their own unique ways touched the lives of many students. Even as I type these words, the reality of the passing of these beloved men is still so foreign to me; it is almost as if I am living in a dream. In times of great suffering, I am reminded of the words of the prophet Jeremiah when his beloved fellow countrymen were carried away into captivity:



countrymen were carried away into captivity:

“The LORD can always be trusted to show mercy each morning. Deep in my heart I say, ‘The LORD is all I need; I can depend on him!’” (Lamentation 3:23-24).



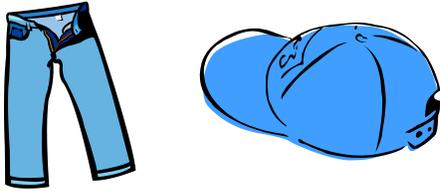
Students of Mid-Continent University, athletes and non-athletes alike, the diversity among us is great. Many cultural backgrounds and ethnic groups are brought together in a small town in Kentucky with one thing in common; each of us was



created with a purpose in mind by a God that so loved the world, He sent His Son to die on a rugged cross that should have been for us. From the students of the James W. Cecil College of the Bible, please know you are loved immensely by God and us. In these days and months after the passing of our beloved leaders, we offer you ourselves. We are here for you, not for a degree. We believe God is love, and our confidence is in Him alone. We love you, MCU. - By: Darren Fletcher

Dress Code Etiquette 101

Gentlemen, please remove your hats and hoods before entering the cafeteria and the classroom building. Also, please wear your pants at the appropriate height of your waist.



*** DO NOT THROW ME AWAY!** If you are finished reading me, take me back to my home, so that someone else may enjoy me. :)

Attention Students!



Do you want to be featured in the newsletter?

“Like” our Cougar Connect Facebook page and submit your photos there!

2013 Creative Writing Competition!



*Open to all MCU students!
Graduate and undergraduate!*

Contact Ms. Darlene Gibson for more details!

\$200—First Place

\$150—Second Place

\$100—Third Place

\$50—Honorable Mention

Cougar Sports

February Sports

14	Women's Basketball	@ Martin Methodist
14	Men's Basketball	@ Martin Methodist
15	Baseball	Judson Univ. (Ill.)
16	Baseball	Judson Univ. (Ill.)
16	Women's Basketball	@ Freed-Hardeman
16	Men's Basketball	@ Freed-Hardeman
19	Baseball	@ Murray St. (NCAA-I)
20	Softball	Williams Baptist
20	Baseball	@ SE Mo. St. (NCAA-I)
21	Women's Basketball	@ Welch (Tenn.)
21	Men's Basketball	Life Univ. (Ga.)
22	Baseball	Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)
23	Baseball	Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)
23	Softball	@ Cumberland (Tenn.)
23	Women's Basketball	@ Bethel (Tenn.)
23	Men's Basketball	@ Bethel (Tenn.)
26	JV Baseball	@ John A. Logan
28	JV Baseball	Rend Lake

The TranSouth Athletic Conference has announced the weekly award recipients for February 10, 2013, and Mid-Continent has its third honoree of the season, with Senior guard Antonio Davis claiming the award.

Davis, a 6-3 senior guard from Morganfield, KY., led the Cougars to an emotional win on Saturday. The team played their game with Blue Mountain with heavy hearts as the game was played just four hours after the funeral of MCU security director Tye Jackson. Jackson passed away on Wednesday. Davis helped the 16-9 Cougars to a split on the week with an average of 22.5 points, six rebounds, and three assists per game on the week. Davis shot 69% (18-26) from the field and hit 3-of-5 from three-point range. In the Cougars 87-73 TranSouth win over Blue Mountain, he scored 25 points and grabbed five rebounds while hitting 9-of-10 from the field and was 3-for-3 from long range. He scored his 25 points in just 22 minutes of play. - Article provided by Tim Shay.



Cougars free throw: JV game against Shawnee.
Photo by Kyndra Herring.



Mid-Continent Spirit Squad. Photo provided by Lydia Green.

March Sports

1	Baseball	William Woods/Indiana Tech
2	Baseball	Indiana Tech/William Woods
2	Softball	@ Blue Mountain
4	Softball	Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.)
5	Baseball	@ Indiana Univ.-Southeast
5	Softball	@ Freed-Hardeman
6	JV Baseball	John A. Logan
8	Baseball	@ Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.)
9	Baseball	@ Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.)
9	Softball	@ Missouri Baptist
11	Baseball	Brescia University (Ky.)
12	Baseball	St. Catherine (Ky.)
12	Softball	@ Benedictine-Springfield (Ill.)
12	JV Baseball	@ Southeastern Illinois
13	Baseball	@ Harris-Stowe State (Mo.)
13	Softball	Harris-Stowe State (Mo.)
13	JV Baseball	Rock Valley (Ill.)
14	JV Baseball	@ Shawnee CC

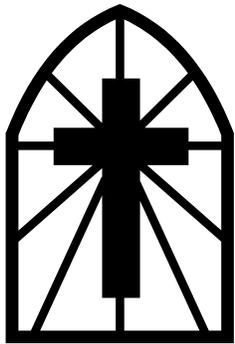
Devo

“As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” 2 Timothy 4:5 (ESV)

The Apostle Paul put much effort into the ministry of Timothy, and he expected a large return. His investment into the life of one he believed would carry the torch should be a lesson in itself. I would like to focus, at least mostly, on the last phrase, “fulfill your ministry.” There have been great men and women of the faith that, throughout history have done wonderfully unique things for the cause of the kingdom, and in that we should rejoice, but not mimic. Paul had his ministry, and Timothy had his. While their principles and mission were fundamentally the same, their ministry was not. Paul recognizes this and exhorts Timothy to do what God tells him in the places God puts him.

There is coherence in Christians’ lives. We are all called to “be sober-minded, endure suffering,” and to “do the work of an evangelist,” but we do it in our own contexts. Christian, do not be discouraged when you do not see the fruit of Billy Graham or Jonathan Edwards. Do not feel inferior when your work is not placed in the present or historical limelight. Do not feel like a failure if your family is cold to the good news; you have your ministry. Fulfill it, not theirs. Who is to say that God measures out our heavenly rewards based on volume or even depth? What about devotion? What about faithfulness to the call? What if your lonely, anguished, burdened, and arduous prayers, beginning early in the morning, laced with singing and soaked in tears, are preparing for you an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison? God desires obedience. God desires faithfulness. God desires effort. God desires you to delight in Him. You may plant, you may water, but God, and yes, only God, gives the increase.

Praise the Father who has put you where you are. Thank Him for your ministry, and earnestly inquire how to fulfill it. Beg for competence, strength, and endurance. Keep the cross in your mind and the good news on your tongue, and fulfill your ministry.—By: William Troutman / Photo provided by Amber Bass.



Bible Study

Here’s a list of the Bible studies on campus!



- † The Gathering is at 8:30pm on Sundays in the Loft.
- † The Anchor (Ladies Only) is at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays at Codie McKellip’s house.
For more information contact Codie @ (270) 349-3451
- † Commune with Christ is at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Classroom Building.
For more information contact Austin Clark @ (270) 804-1160
- † Bonfire and Bible Study is at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Fire Pit.
For more information contact Jt Jones @ (270) 635-0438
- † The Way (Men Only) is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the North Cougar Den (room 7)
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