

Mosaic: Hope for this Generation

“Mosaic” is MC’s Spiritual Emphasis Week. This year’s Mosaic was held Monday March 9 through Wednesday March 11. There were various activities, fundraisers and service projects that went on through out the week but the main worship times happened each evening. Monday night, David Nasser spoke, Tuesday evening Kari Jobe lead a worship service and Wednesday night college students from all over the Metro Jackson area came together to worship and heard a word about unity from a student leader, Paul Calcote. Many times we can look at this generation of college students and will only see the negative. From media we see more drugs, alcohol and immorality than in years past and sometimes signs of laziness and lack of drive. However, what was done through and in these students at Mosaic should give us hope. Hope that there is a generation who knows the Lord deeply and will do even greater things than done before. Hope that even those students who are distracted or straying can be changed by a God who is still alive and active in lives, young and old. And finally a hope that as the world changes and fades, our Father remains constant, in control and all powerful.

Dates To Remember

Mar 27: Preview Day
Mar 30: MC Swerve Dance Competition
Mar 31: Independent Film Festival
April 2: Good Friday
April 5: EASTER (no class)
April 6: Preregistration for fall
April 13: Spring Choral Concert
April 16-17: Leadership Summit
April 20: Honors Convocation
April 22: Spring Jazz Fling II
April 25: Spring Singers Concert
April 30: Final Exams begin
May 7-8: Graduation

For questions on any of these events please email mcpc@mc.edu

Feb. 24, 2010 - Mississippi College's bid to acquire the old Clinton Junior High property received the approval of the Clinton School Board.

The vote at Tuesday night's board meeting was unanimous. The board's decision marks the latest step in a lengthy process by MC to gain a major piece of property so the university can expand this summer.

Mississippi College's \$3,501,000 bid for the 17.5 acre property on College Street was the only one before the Clinton School Board. Members of the Clinton board earlier set the minimum bid at \$3.5 million.

MC leaders were delighted to get the school board's endorsement and clear the way for the 320-acre Christian university to expand.

"We are happy to report that last night the Clinton School Board unanimously accepted our bid for the old junior high property," said Steve Stanford, vice president for administration and government relations. "We will enter into negotiations of a real estate contract to purchase on mutually acceptable terms." (story continued on page 3).

Project Peanut Butter: Fighting Malnutrition

By: Liz Wheeler

Twenty-five thousand people die every day from malnutrition. Sixteen thousand of those are children—that's one child every five seconds. That's a staggering reality to be faced with, but it's one that we can change.

After moving to Malawi in 1999, Dr. Mark Manary—a pediatrician from St. Louis, MO—set out to find a way to effectively combat malnutrition in children. By 2004 he had perfected a ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF), and Project Peanut Butter was born. While traditional therapies were only successful in 25-40% of the cases, this RUTF has a 95% success rate of curing severe acute malnutrition (SAM). A precise blend of peanuts, milk powder, vegetable oil, sugar, vitamins, and minerals, this RUTF meets international standards for a complete food and has been endorsed by the World Health Organization, United Nations, and UNICEF as the most effective way to treat malnutrition. And the price of this miracle product? Twenty-five dollars. Let me say that again: Twenty-five dollars will literally save a child's life.

Unfortunately only 1% of malnourished children have access to this product. That's where we come in. Our goal for Mississippi College is to raise \$50,000 to save the lives of 2,000 children. We will then send a team who will work in conjunction with Dr. Mark Manary, Project Peanut Butter, Feed the Children, and Dave and Connie Keating to distribute the RUTF through a network of 16 clinics, 3 hospitals, and 2 hospices in Zambia in south central Africa. \$50,000 seems like an enormous goal, but that's only \$10 per student at MC. We've challenged students to give up eating off campus for the forty days of Lent and to give that money to save the lives of children. All of the social tribes and service clubs have also agreed to hold a fundraiser for Project Peanut Butter. We are also selling t-shirts and holding our own fundraisers such as an art sale and a benefit concert.

We have been blessed and overwhelmed by the response of the students of Mississippi College as well as other organizations. A church in Memphis has given us \$1,000, and inner city children in Jackson are collecting their change in piggy banks. Local Sunday school classes are gathering up funds, and college students are giving sacrificially. However, we still have a long way to go before our goal is met, and we are praying for others to join us in this cause. If you would like to get involved with what God is doing through this project, contact Liz Wheeler at ewheeler@mc.edu or Allison Oglesby at oglesby@mc.edu.

Summer time is approaching quickly.... After Spring Break we will have 6 weeks of school left.

Have you talked to your child about their summer plans? There are numerous possibilities for summer. Here are some tips to encourage your child in their summer ahead:

1. If they are working somewhere off, make a schedule of sending them various items and cards of encouragement.
2. If they are doing summer missions pray for them. Prayer is powerful and they will need it. Again-care packages are always a good idea.
3. If they are doing summer school teach them to balance. They may have to, need to or want to go to summer school. They need to buckle down and put the best effort forth possible. However, if summer is all work and no play they will be burnt out when the fall arrives. Encourage them to go on a short trip or take a few days out of each week to partake in summer activities-they need to be refreshed.
4. If they need to work, they may have a job or not know where to start. Do not baby them but give them tips on where to look and how to talk to businesses professionally.
5. If they have no clue what they will do pray they will be intentional in seeking that out.

Mississippi College, he added, is "very pleased to acquire this asset and recognize that it will benefit our institution for decades to come."

For about two years, MC leaders eyed the property that fronts both the Clinton Parkway and College Street. The site is familiar turf for the MC family and Clinton community. The old junior high band hall is rented by MC for practice sessions. The auditorium is used by the Brick Street Players. MC band members also use its vacant field to practice before Choctaws football games.

The Clinton district uses the site for the Clinton Alternative School, offices for child nutrition, special education, the district nurse and technology, among other things.

Longtime Clinton residents like Edward McMillan, a retired MC administrator, welcome the land purchase.

"I think it will be a win-win situation for the city schools and MC," McMillan said when reached by phone Wednesday. "It is a meshing of two campuses. It will bring MC renewed vigor and strength."

A former vice president for graduate studies, McMillan is also a retired history and political science professor on the Clinton campus.

Clinton Board leaders say sale of the property allows the district to pay off existing bond debt from the construction of Clinton High in 1996. "With the sale of this property, we can pay off the remaining debt and free up more bond capacity," said Sandy Halliwell, the district's finance director.

The district is also looking at a new building to replace Northside Elementary that is suffering from foundation problems.

Once the property gets turned over to Mississippi College, MC officials will complete their studies and decide how best to utilize the site. The land is surrounded by the specially zoned district known as Olde Towne Clinton.

Earlier this month, MC President Lee Royce said the university is interested in the property mainly for classrooms and faculty offices. On Wednesday, Royce notified MC trustees and other school leaders to update them on the purchase of the valuable piece of property.

MC was the lone bidder after the Clinton School Board on Dec. 30 declared it surplus with the effective date at the end of the school year. Officials earlier said the property could be transferred to MC on June 30