Alumni News 1.1.15

Jimmy Mosby is a new Bishops’ Club member in the United Methodist Foundation of AR.

Walter Chesnut (BD '56) passed away on Dec. 26, 2014. Before retiring in 1996, he served the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 57 years. He is the grandfather of Michael Chesnut (MDiv ’03).

Debbie Marshall’s (MDiv ’12) mother, Marie Stafford, passed away on Dec. 16, 2014.

Evelyn Brodeur (PAS ’88) passed away Nov. 29, 2014.

Patrick Wilkerson’s (MDiv ’12) grandmother, Bert, passed away on Nov. 24, 2014.

Nathan Wheeler (MDiv ’08) was called to serve as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Nov.

Rose Marye Patton’s (MDiv ’10) father passed away on Nov. 19, 2014.

Tim McGuire’s (MDiv ’97) father, V. Con McGuire, passed away on Nov. 10, 2014.

Dale Nease (MDiv ’77) is celebrating 40 years ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Freda Gilbert, widow of James Gilbert (BD ’47), passed away on Oct. 31, 2014.

Cory D. Williams’ (MDiv ’09) mother, Nancy, passed away on Nov. 2, 2014. Cory was promoted to Chief Information Officer at MTS in August.

Patrick Wilkerson (MDiv ’12) and wife, Jessica, welcomed their first child, Bella Grace, into their family on Sept. 29, 2014. Bella weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Al Gritten (MDiv ’08) is celebrating the birth of his new grandson, Jude Blanchard, born on Sept. 17, 2014. Jude weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Paula Champion-Jones (MDiv ’02) recently published a new book entitled “Brain-Based Worship” Remembering the Mind Body Connection.

Maxine Anderson (MDiv ’08) was nominated for the Staff Spotlight at Crossroads Hospice for all 11 sites across the nation.
Dennis Weaver (MDiv ‘15) was ordained into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Oct. 11, 2014. He is currently serving the Macedonia CPC in Dalton, KY.


Vernon Sansom (MDiv ’87) is celebrating the birth of his 8th grandchild, Julie Elwood, born in Oct.

Lora Jean Gowan (MDiv ’07) is celebrating the addition of her granddaughter, Lyrik Rose, on June 15, 2014.

Tiffany McClung (MDiv ’99 & DMin ’14) was promoted to Director of Theology & Arts at MTS along with her position as chaplain.

Jason Mitchell (MAR ’08) earned his Doctorate of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary on May 23, 2014.

Tonie Robinson (MDiv ’11) was ordained into the Lutheran Church on May 18, 2014. She is currently serving Peace Lutheran Church in Memphis.

John Kilzer (MDiv ’06) is starting a new program at MTS as the Director of the Center for Recovery Ministry.

Chuck Brown (MDiv ’95) was named the Pastoral Development Ministry Team Leader for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Ellen Cooper Klyce (MAR ’06) was named Outstanding Philanthropist by the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Memphis Chapter Crystal Awards.

Rayla Hogue (MDiv ’06) was ordained on Sept. 8, 2014, at St. John’s United Church of Christ in Chamois, MO.

Bindy Snyder (MAR '97 & MDiv '00) welcomed a new granddaughter, Hildegard, into the family on Sept. 12, 2014. She weighed 6 lbs. and 1oz.

J. David Hester (BD ’57) passed away on July 31, 2014. Dr. Hester was president at MTS from 1984 – 1997.

Susan Wilson’s (MAR ’98) mother, Marguerite B. Cooper, passed away on July 3, 2014.

Rose Marye Patton (MDiv ‘10) welcomes new Great –granddaughter, Analea Claire, to the family on August 15, 2014.
Mother of Sherrlyn Frost (PAS '05), Roger Reid (MDiv ’84 & DMin ’96) and Richard Reid (PAS ’99 & MAR ’07) passed away on August 6, 2014.