In Jesus’ day scrupulous Jews were aware that traveling on the Sabbath was limited by rabbinical rules. People were allowed to travel only a distance of about one thousand yards from home before being in violation of “the law.” This prohibition evolved from Exodus 16.29, where the Israelites were told to “remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.” The specific thousand-yard limit was derived from Joshua 3, indicating the distance that was maintained between the people’s tents and the Ark of the Covenant during the wilderness wanderings. And so, a rule was established.

Of course people often found creative ways around this inconvenient statute. Anticipating a lengthy Sabbath trip, they might cache food or an article of furniture at a distance from their home on Thursday, then walk there on the Sabbath and, after loitering long enough to establish a “home away from home,” continue their journey with a clear conscience.

Jesus, of course, blew right around this regulation! While we cannot measure the distance He traveled, the Bible tells us He left the halls of heaven in order to sojourn on this earth. On whatever day of the week He made the trip, given the vastness of material space (which He created!), we can only imagine that a thousand yards was covered in the blink of an eye. . .

Most importantly, we need to remember that the travel of Jesus was always redemptive. His temporary relocation from the realms of glory to this earth was clearly so (see John 3.16) and, according to the apostle Peter in Acts 10.38, while here, “He went about doing good . . .” Always, everywhere He went He brought healing, life and truth to those who had no other hope.

So here we are as Christians today, collectively the representative body of Christ. The Spirit of Christ lives within us and animates us. He is redemptive; that is, He is still about the business of reaching the hopeless, sharing the gospel and encouraging trust in Christ. And we are pilgrims, too, as Jesus was. Are we intentionally redemptive, or are we quenching and grieving the Spirit?

“Our citizenship is in heaven,” Paul pointed out (Philippians 3.20), which makes us believers “ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5.20), giving us heavenly authority and responsibility in this world for a little while. Whether we are temporarily living cross-culturally, working through a degree program before moving on, serving a distant hitch in the military, or whether we’ve lived in the same house for decades, we’re actually pilgrims, travelers, “just passing through.”

Given our brief time in this “home away from home,” let’s remember not only to “keep the faith;” let’s pass it on.

- Jim Carlson, President
Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:1-2
We have some very happy married students at Montana Bible College. Obviously, they are thrilled for the opportunity to live out the joys of marriage, but now they have brand new, lovely homes as the backdrop. God has graciously allowed us to finish our married student apartments in Providence Hall, making room for married couples who now refer to the top floor of the Hall as "home." Most of the units are already filled, with the remaining units spoken for by newly-married (or soon-to-be-married) student couples.

Stephen and Allison Fanning were among the first to move into their new abode.

"We are pleased with the apartment, really in every regard," said Stephen. "The quality is great. The proximity to the school couldn't be better. On top of those, the cost is very ideal for young college students like us."

With the top floor of Providence Hall finished, our attention is now focused on the bottom half of the building. By fall of 2014, Montana Bible College fully expects to have relocated the Gail Horton Library to the bottom floor of Providence Hall, adding space and technological improvements.
Montana Bible College is proud to educate students from the whole world over. We serve a global God who is on a global mission to gather all His people to Himself (John 10.16). Meet our international students!

**Celina Suprint - Haiti**
I was born at Leogane, Haiti. I chose MBC because of the solid Christian education I'd be receiving, the affordability, and the fact that the school is an accredited Bible College with an excellent reputation in preparing men for the pastorate.

**Daniel Meza - Mexico**
I first came to Montana from Mexico as an exchange student in high school. After graduating, I returned to Montana and attended Montana Wilderness School of the Bible. I'm now in Bozeman with my family, and we are enjoying our time here very much. I've continued studying at Montana Bible College. I'm very thankful to God for the opportunity to be here!

**Kate Johnson - England**
The reason I came to Bozeman was because I married [my husband] Danny...he came to MBC because he realized that he did not know the Bible - although he had spent many hours in church - and he wanted to know it better. I have been blessed to take the "partner prep" classes which have been really helpful in my growth and understanding. I love being here. I love Bozeman and our community at MBC. I can't believe how lucky I am that the Lord has brought me here!

**Kenny Mukisa - Uganda**
I came to America from Uganda. I heard about Montana Bible College from my pastor and have now been here studying missions for three years. I would like to return to Africa to serve people there and be a minister of the Gospel.

**Tatjana Groenwald - Germany**
I did not really choose MBC, but God picked it for me. I applied to another Bible College, yet it was not the right one. I had about four weeks to find another before the school year would begin. The Lord brought the MBC site to my attention one too many times, and I said, "Okay! If the Lord wills I will be going there." I applied and I was accepted. This is my third year at MBC. It has been a wonderful and challenging journey, but it has grown me to love and know the One who is worth all."
The college has also been blessed by hosting students who have served in the United States military. MBC allows students to take full advantage of veterans’ benefits, assisting greatly with the costs of tuition, books and housing while enrolled at Montana Bible College. Meet our veterans!

Chris Sedgwick  
United States Army

Garrett Detrick  
United States Army

Cody Pinard  
United States Army

Joel Carlson  
United States Navy

Kyle Lockhart  
United States Marine Corps
Welcome Aboard!

Dan Wielenga
Director, Outdoor Discipleship

Dan was raised in Michigan, where God cultivated in him a passion for exploring and appreciating the created world. “It is my aim for the Outdoor Discipleship Concentration to be the catalyst that draws students into a greater worship of and submission to their Creator.”

Dan Hovestol
Director of Enrollment

Dan Hovestol comes to MBC after 24 years of employment at Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji, Minnesota. A graduate of Bemidji State University, Dan is excited for God’s call in joining the MBC family and being part of the quality, Biblical education that defines the very core of Montana Bible College. Dan and his wife (Gwenn) of 23 years have 3 children.

Austin Ruhl
Web Development Director

Austin grew up in Bozeman and is blessed to be part of a great family. He’s in pursuit of a computer engineering degree from Montana State University. In the meantime, he’s putting his computer skills to work at Montana Bible College doing video editing and web development.

We’re committed to biblical, gospel-centered ministry. But what does that look like in the real world? The tidal wave of the LGBT movement is sweeping our nation. Religious pluralism dominates. Relativism rules. Yes, we’ve got some defense to play. The apostle wrote, “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy…” But we’ve also got offense to play. Jesus said, ”I WILL build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it.” We have light to take to the darkness and weapons to demolish strongholds. Is your church poised for action? Let’s come together as leaders to the end that we may shepherd faithfully in these days!

Bring your whole ministry team!

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Michael Lawrence
Pastor, Hinson Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

Todd Miles
Professor, Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon

Gale Heide
Professor, Montana Bible College

Jim Carlson
President, Montana Bible College

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The Lord has a remarkable way of keeping us on our toes and on the edge of our seat – at the same time!

_Leota Fred, Business Manager_

The chart compares MBC income and expenses as of April 30. Our expectation is our expenses will be very slightly under budget at June 30, but our income will be about the same as it shows on the chart, considerably under budget. We knew this past year was going to be tight from the get-go. We had chosen not to raise fees, we were not expecting an increase in enrollment, and we knew that we needed to keep a diligent eye on the budget. We had based the budget on an 80 full-time equivalence (FTE) benchmark, and this turned out to be right on target for fall semester, when we had 80.9 FTE. Unfortunately (and unexpectedly!) our spring semester dropped to 69.4 FTE. Even with trimming on our expenses, we are facing a shortfall and will need to use some reserves.

What is the outlook for 2014-2015? We did increase tuition to $210 per credit (still very much a bargain!), we have the married student apartments at 100% capacity, and we are encouraged by the early numbers of returning students and applicants. We are strategizing to increase student numbers and financial support from alumni and donors and keep a handle on expenses.

How can you help? _Prayer._ Please pray for our student enrollment. We would love to see our student body grow to 90 FTE, not just because of finances, but more importantly to be the source of that rippling of Kingdom-work done by those students.

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**Outdoor Discipleship Update**

MBC students recently took to the mountains as they learned about avalanche safety and rescue procedures - a typical practice for western mountaineers and winter sports enthusiasts.
OUR MISSION:

Montana Bible College is committed to glorifying God through biblical higher education by training men and women for a lifetime of dynamic Christian living and service.

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STUDENTS SPEAK:

Can You Dig It?
By Quincy Slotemaker

I have been attending MBC for three years now pursuing a pastoral degree as my main field of study. I love the classes and teachers at MBC, particularly how diverse they can be when it comes to conversation, shenanigans, and general love of Christ. I ended up going to MBC at first because my parents said after high school I was to take one year and devote it to Bible college. Not thinking much of it, I applied and was accepted to MBC. Shortly after midterms second semester, I felt the LORD leading me in the direction to stay at MBC and pursue deeper studies of Him.

Most recently, a group of us had the wonderful opportunity to dig up fossils in Glendive, Montana, in partnership with the Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum and the Foundation Advancing Creation Truth (FACT). The first time I heard about the program was two years ago, and it was just a side-mention that I took the time and effort to understand. The gist of it was a week long experience that would focus on a young earth study of the dinosaurs in the fossil record. I went because I have always loved dinosaurs, but this was different. This was God's creation and it was beautiful to see how He had made each creature unique. This is my third year in Glendive, and my second year volunteering time aside from the class. My first year was only for a week, my second was for the month of June, and this year I am staying for all of May and June. The ultimate reason I love to intern out here is not for money, but for the people and the chance I have to build a relationship with both them and God. They are wonderful people that I work with at the museum here, and they put God first in everything they say and do. It is a great place to grow in your faith and your apologetic work, and possibly learn a thing or two in the process.