

# COME GROW WITH US

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## A Cappella Chorus visits four states and Canada on tour

Visits to several tourist attractions highlighted the recent spring tour of the MCC A Cappella Chorus. Their May 12-22 tour included twelve performances in Michigan, Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

Following their opening performances at Valley Christian Academy and the Carpenter Road Church of Christ, the chorus began their first week by observing the assembly of cars at the former Fisher Body Plant in Flint. The following day included a performance at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario and time for exploration of the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

The next morning, the group toured Kodak Park in Rochester, New York before having lunch at Highland Park, which was hosting its annual Lilac Festival. After arriving in Pennsylvania, a drive around the peninsula of Presque Isle State Park in Erie made possible a stop on the shores of Lake Erie.

Upon their arrival in Ohio on Saturday, the chorus shopped at two malls, including Akron's unique Quaker Square. The following day, members enjoyed the gardens, greenhouses, and wildlife of Kingswood Center, which attracts many visitors to Mansfield, Ohio each year.

A short traveling distance on Tuesday allowed for a full day at Cedar Point. Before returning to Michigan on Wednesday for their final performance of the year, the group spent part of the day at the Toledo Zoo. Tentative plans for next year's spring tour includes visits to Chicago and St. Louis and the surrounding states.

*TOP LEFT: Students board the MCC bus after touring the BOC Assembly Plant in Flint. TOP RIGHT: The majesty of Niagara Falls catches the eye of Nathan Yoder. MIDDLE LEFT: Chorus members present their message in song. MIDDLE RIGHT: Warm sunshine enhances an early morning devotional for Lisa Jones. BOTTOM LEFT: Carolyn Norris enjoys a surprise in her picnic lunch among the lilacs of Highland Park. BOTTOM RIGHT: Unique flowers in the greenhouses of Kingswood Center fascinate Linda Clayton.*

## Should you attend MCC or your local community college?

Choosing a college can be confusing and the number of community colleges often makes that choice even more difficult. Yet, a tremendous difference exists between the college experience at a community college and a college like MCC.

**Academics.** Students in the community college often begin coursework in technical fields and find that such work does not fit in well with other programs when a change in major occurs. All degrees at MCC share a common core of courses that are applicable to most programs. After beginning your work at MCC, you may choose from transfer or occupational degree programs.

**Student Relationships.** The average community college student is 27 years old. Many are part-time students, while most attend classes and then return home or go to work. At MCC, you can build strong relationships in a setting where the majority of students are recent high school graduates, attend full-time, live on campus, and share the experiences of each day. Such interaction between students not only builds stronger friendships, but provides a better selection of life-long mates.

**Participation.** The community college setting does not lend itself to participation in such activities as intramurals, choral groups, drama, and student government. The size of the student body at MCC combined with the availability of many activities encourages you to participate.

**Spiritual Life.** As public institutions, community colleges may not promote spiritual growth. At MCC, you can learn from instructors who teach from a Christian viewpoint, worship with your instructors and friends, and grow from being surrounded by those who encourage you to become a better person.

**Cost.** Naturally, tuition at the community college is inexpensive. Yet, in figuring budgets at the community college, many fail to consider the cost of owning and operating a car on a daily basis, the usage of extra utilities at home, and the cost of groceries. The College Board reports an average annual cost of \$3,627 at the community college. In a large number of cases, the extra cost in attending MCC can be covered by the availability of more financial aid.

Before making your final college choice, weigh the differences between MCC and your local community college. You can obtain a good education at the community college, but you can obtain a good education and a lot more at MCC.



## Occupational degree in Childcare added

Beginning this fall, Michigan Christian College will offer another major in the Associate in Applied Science program. Currently, ten majors are available in this occupational degree program which is designed for students desiring employment immediately after the completion of their work at MCC.

A new Childcare major will be offered for those who wish to be a childcare worker in a daycare center, nursery school, or home setting. This program will meet the requirements for listing with the National Nanny Registry. When a student applies for this listing as a registered nanny, MCC will automatically recommend the student for listing upon completion of this program.

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