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## A MATTER OF FACT

"We are here on this planet only once and might as well get a feel for the place.." a line by writer Anne Dillard in her essay "In the Jungle." She is referring to the desire to travel and explore new terrains - - a desire shared by many people and made easy by modern conveyances. Human beings give great importance to *place*. Some truly want to plant themselves in one spot and take root. These individuals want to realize the value of being in that place.

Whether we move around or stay put, we all seem to sense that our surroundings add to our well being and prosperity. We grow spiritually, intellectually and emotionally in one place or are stunted by another. Our ideas about how to live are formed in part by where we are; our states of mind are affected by places in the world.

We welcome our interactions with others or suffer them, but we are not indifferent to those who walk through our doors or live in our memories. We act and think differently simply because they exist. They make us different than we would be if we were alone. That is one role of culture.

The idea of community has always held a special attraction for Americans. The only thing wrong is that most professional Americans no longer live in traditional

communities. The community has given way to a blended, transient, upwardly mobile job market where college graduates must not only have educational competencies, but also greater proficiencies in adaptability to place and in individual and group communication skills.

In an article in October's *Education Digest* corporations like Westinghouse, Ford, and Pfizer responded to questions about educational preparation of today's students in areas both academic and social. Analytical thinking, higher order conceptual and problem-solving skills were cited as vital to employees if they are to be a part of the global connection. But, the CEO's also urged schools to teach cultural history, geography and second-language skills for greater international awareness. Places and people - - new focuses for modern times.

The administration and faculty at MBC have a challenge in our community. We must think globally and act locally to prepare our students for excellence in today's world.

Patricia Bagwill

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY**

The November Birthday Party will be on Monday, November 20th in the Cafeteria.

If your birthday is in November and you were not listed in last weeks *Circle*, please call Joan Gaines so you can be added to the list.

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*Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal.*  
- E. J. Cosman

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**FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION**

Dr. Donald Wideman, Executive Director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, will be the Founder's Day Convocation Speaker on Thursday, November 9th, at 11:00 a.m.

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*There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there.*  
-Indira Gandhi

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**FACULTY / STAFF  
TRUSTEE MEETING BRIEFING**

Thursday afternoon, November 9th, at 3:30 p.m., there will be a faculty and staff briefing on the Trustee Meeting in Room 326 in the Field Academic Building.

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*Missouri Baptist Convention*

Those attending the Missouri Baptist Convention reported a good meeting. Our reception on Tuesday evening was well attended by alums and others. Our booth looked great and was well-staffed. Brian Schwamenloin did a great job representing Missouri Baptist College in the College's presentation.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Janice and Devon Haus on the arrival of a 7 lb. 11 oz. baby boy born Tuesday, November 7th about 11:00 p.m.

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*If you look at what is, you might never attain what could be.*  
- Unknown