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## SONGS IN THE NIGHT

In his book *Journey to the East*, Herman Hesse tells of a group of explorers who were sent out by a religious order on a difficult mission. They were accompanied by a servant named Leo who did the most menial tasks. He washed clothes, prepared food, and whatever else was needed. In terms of status, he was at the bottom of the heap. But as the mission went on, his spirit, his service, his songs in the night proved very important to the band of explorers. During

the journey the ship was caught in a storm, wrecked, and the group separated. Later when they began to collect together, Leo was gone. When the others tried to continue their journey they were not able to, and finally gave up. One of the explorers made his way back to The Order and was brought before their leader. Lo and behold it was none other than Leo. Though he had been on this expedition in the role of a servant, it turned out that he had really been the leader and without him the expedition had disintegrated.

The point of the story is that leadership has more to do with service than with status. Obviously in an organization such as MBC, there are levels of authority and responsibility that are important for the proper functioning of the institution. But real leadership can take place at many levels.

Over the past couple of months I have deeply appreciated those people who keep our buildings clean and warm, who clear the snow

from our roads, who salt and shovel the walks, who move furniture and tables around for all our functions. It would be easy to resort to whining and complaining but instead they have served with a minimum of that and in so doing have demonstrated real leadership.

As in the story, helping hands, sustaining spirits, and songs of hope can make all the difference to a band of explorers. Let's all join together to "do" college in the image of our servant leader - Jesus Christ.

Alton Lacey  
President

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*When the One Great Scorer  
comes to write against your  
name - He marks not that you  
won or lost - but how you  
played the game.*

*-Grantland Rice*

**FACULTY/STAFF  
OUT AND ABOUT**

Cathy Benton attended the 21st annual Church Music Explosion held in January at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The conference included classes in all aspects of church music. Guest clinicians included Mark Hayes, Joyce Jones, Don Hustad, Don Allured, Helen Kemp, Randy Edwards, and Eph Ely. The conference was attended by people from all denominations from all over the USA as well as guests from Korea, West Indies, England, and Canada.

*In a recent administration of the GMAT, a test used by schools for admission into graduate and post-graduate programs, Ray Walden scored an overall score of 670, placing him in the 95th percentile. The GMAT is designed to help graduate schools assess the qualifications of applicants for advanced study in business and management. It can be used in evaluating verbal and mathematical skills as well as general knowledge and preparation for graduate study.*

Dr. Alton Lacey was the speaker for the 145th Annual Meeting of Third Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, January 31st. He and Mrs. Lacey also brought the music for this event. He reported that he met some alums that he had not had the privilege of meeting before.

*Dr. Roberta Ross-Fisher had several articles published in the last few months: The Missouri Reader article on Missouri Authors; News Exchange article on institute for new MAACCE members; an article on gifted program evaluation in Gifted Child Today, a national journal in gifted education; as well as articles in The Courier and MBC's S-MSTA Newsletter.*

*Also she had her dissertation research cited in Roeper Review, a national research dissemination journal in gifted education.*

*Mrs. Helen Vincent will be hosting the MBC Women's Organization on February 24th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.*

Dr. Mary Bagley is working with Dr. Ellis Page and Duke University on the PEG (Project Essay Grade) experiment. This is an innovative, ground-breaking computer software program that grades essays for English instructors. This program is considered to be on the cutting edge of computer/essay studies. Dr. Page is hoping this program will be a major breakthrough in making essay grading more objective and easier.

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*The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything*

*-Theodore Roosevelt*

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**DON'T FORGET !**

**Honor's Convocation, Thursday, February 8th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Dale Allen will be the speaker.**

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*A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.*

*- W. A. Ward*