



RESUME

NAME: M. Christopher White
President, Chowan University, Murfreesboro, NC

BIRTH DATE: October 16, 1943

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2003-Present President, Chowan University, Murfreesboro, NC

- Restored financial stability ("black" audits every year)
- Record enrollments achieved as a senior institution
- Transferred the institution into a University in 2006
- Upgraded athletic program from NCAA III to NCAA II
- Initiated extensive campus renovation projects
- Record development gifts
- Initiated and led study abroad experiences for Chowan students and friends
- Developed institutional strategic planning
- Established formal international university relationships, beginning with Seoul Cyber University
- Faculty and staff salaries enhanced
- Increased endowment from \$12 to \$22 million

CAMPUS AND PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AT CHOWAN UNIVERSITY

- McSweeney Hall renovation
- Football Stadium field, lighting, and fence
- Jenkins Center road construction
- Campus wide computer upgrades
- Campus wide wireless Technology
- Renovation of all residential facilities-including the reopening of Dunn Hall

1986-2002 President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC

- Operated institution comfortably in black every year
- Transformed college into university in 1993
- Instituted School of Divinity and Graduate School of Business in 1993
- School of Divinity named for him in 1998
- Initiated Graduate School of Nursing
- Increased enrollment from 1,826 to almost 4,000
- Increased endowment 800 % (from 4 million to 28 million)
- Institution recognized three consecutive years as a Character Building College by the Templeton Foundation
- Gift receipts set all time records at over \$6,000,000 per year
- 40 million dollar Capital Campaign successfully completed
- Transformed NAIA athletic program into NCAA I program with 20 sports

Accreditation achieved or reaffirmed by SACS, NCATE (teacher education),
NLN (Nursing), ATS (divinity), NASM (music)
Faculty salaries increased to top third of private institutions in North Carolina

CAMPUS AND PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AT GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

\$ 6.0 million University housing complex
\$ 8.0 million Hamrick Hall renovation
\$ 1.0 million Wellness Center
\$ 1.0 million Tennis Complex
\$ 1.0 million lake and carillon complex
\$ 1.3 million new academic wing and renovation of older building, completed in 1992
\$ 2.5 million renovation of Dover Campus Center completed in 1990
\$ 2.4 million renovation projects for campus residence halls, 1986 to present
Observatory constructed, 1990
Soccer field constructed, 1988

1972-1986 Elon University, Elon, NC

Administrative Appointments:

- Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, 1983-86
- Dean of Academic Affairs, 1977-83
- Chairman, Department of Religion, 1974-77

Academic Rank:

- Promoted to Professor of Religion, 1978

1970-1971 Instructor, Department of Religion, Emory University

1964-1986 Pastor or Interim Pastor of several churches in Georgia, Kentucky and North Carolina

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Ph.D., 1972 Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; (Woodrow Wilson Fellow)
Major Field: Biblical Studies (New Testament)
Minor Fields: Old Testament, Intertestamental Studies, History of Religions,
Early Church History
Dissertation Topic: "The Identity and Function of 'the Jews' and Related Terms
in The Fourth Gospel"
Advisor: Dr. Hendrikus W. Boers, Department of Religion

M.Div., 1968 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
(second in class)

A.B., 1965 Mercer University, Macon, Georgia (Magna Cum Laude; third in class)
Academics: Mathematics Major; English minor; Teach Certification;
Dean's List most quarters

Diploma, 1961 Hart County High School, Hartwell, Georgia (Salutatorian; second in class)
Awards: Most Outstanding Mathematics Student;
Most Outstanding Science Student;
Varsity Basketball and Baseball letters;
Outstanding Musician Award – band, choir accompanist

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

College consultant on admissions, retention, planning and curriculum
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation teams
National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
American Association of presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities
Council of Independent Colleges
North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (past Director)
Intercollegiate Athletics – NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II and NAIA

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Highest ranked Professor by Elon University students, 1973-74; 1974-75; 1975-76

Who's Who Listings

Oxford's Who's Who – 1992
Who's Who in American Education – 1992-93
Who's Who in America - 47th edition – 1992-93
Who's Who in America - 45th edition – 1988-89
Who's Who in U.S. Executives – 1991
Who's Who in Society – 1988
Who's Who in Religion – 1986
Who's Who in the South and Southwest – 20th edition – 1985
Outstanding Young Men of America – 1979

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship
Emory University Fellowship
Alpha Chi (national honor society for small colleges)
Omicron Delta Kappa (national college leadership society)
Theta Alpha Kappa (national honor society for students of religion)
Phi Mu Alpha (national music society, chapter president during college)

PUBLICATIONS:

Review of Karl Paul Donfried, The Setting of Second Clement in Early Christianity (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1974), in The Review of Books and Religion, IV (Mid-May) 1975, 4.

Review of Wolfhart Pannenberg, The Apostles' Creed in the Light of Today's Questions, in The Review of Books and Religion, II (July-August 1973), 4.

Review of William L. Lane, Commentary on the Gospel of Mark (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1974), in Perspectives in religious Studies, II (Fall 1975), 250-53.

"The Jews in the Gospel of John," paper presented to the society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1973.

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Cleveland Federal Bank, Shelby, NC (past Director)
Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America (Executive Board)
Rotary International (past president, past Assistant District Governor)
United Way of Cleveland County (past Director)
Shelby Art League
Cleveland County Historical Museum
Head Coach of Youth Athletic teams (baseball, basketball) 1978-86
YMCA (past Director)

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

Baptist- member First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC and Murfreesboro Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, NC

FAMILY:

Wife: Linda Fleming White, from Hartwell, Georgia
B.S., Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia, 1965
Graduate Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Elementary School Teacher – Jefferson County, Kentucky; DeKalb County, Georgia;
and Alamance County, North Carolina

Sons: Martin Lynn White, born September 27, 1971; currently lawyer in Charlotte, NC
Andrew Christopher White, born September 28, 1973; currently financial investment
manager of Hedge Fund, West Palm Beach, FL

Grandchildren: Caroline, Camille, Cameron and Turner

HOBBIES:

Music – piano, clarinet, choir

Sports – tennis, golf, jogging

Reading

Organizer and conductor of University Middle East study-tours (including Israel, Egypt, Jordan
and Greece and Turkey study tours)

International Travel (England, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, China, Taiwan, South
Korea, etc.)