

Christian Ministries Professor

Ron Brunson



Business Professor John Power



Biology Professor Mike Sonnenberg



Sociology Professor Steve Williams



Computer Science Professor
Pete McDanel

Impressive Line-Up

by Sharon Cloud

At Montreat this year, we have four new teachers. You probably see them around here and there, and some of you even are in their classes. We thought you might want to know a little more about them. The new teachers are: Ron Brunson, John Power, Mike Sonnenberg, and Steve Williams.

Mr. Brunson teaches Bible. He was born and grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. He went to South Side High School and got his degrees from Erskine College, Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia Graduate School of Missions, School of Church Growth, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Westminster Theological Seminary. His goals then were to prepare for full-time Christian service as a missionary, which he achieved. He has worked as a Hospital Administrator, a Youth Hostel Director, a Camp Director/ Developer, Church Planner, Bible School/Seminary Teacher, and a Youth Discipleship. His favorite of these was the Youth Discipleship. He decided to come to Montreat because of his desire to share with future leaders the vision for reaching the world for Christ, and also for the opportunity to be involved in the development of the new four-year Christian Ministry Program. He finds the four-year program an exciting opportunity for training future Christian Leaders. He couldn't be happier with Montreat. His goals are to disciple as many students as the Lord allows, helping them prepare for life as a Christian witness wherever they may be.

Mr. Powers teaches business. He was born in Nashville and grew up in Decatur, Alabama. Some of his former jobs were: Commander of Detachment in Mendoza, Argentina, and Personnel Administrator in Saudi Arabia. (He kept people out of jail and other tasks!!!) His favorite activities are sailing with Dr. Newton, and beating Brad Daniel in tennis. He likes Montreat and was very impressed with the administration. He says he likes the Christian atmosphere. His advice to the students is to set strict study goals -- 4 hours a day -- and to stick with them, and never cut a class. He also advises to work part time for experience and to get involved in group activities.

Mr. Sonnenberg teaches biology.

He was born in Ferndale, Michigan and grew up in Warron, Michigan. He went to Warron High School and got his degrees from Taylor University, Ball State University, Michigan State University N.A.B. Seminary, and New York University. His gaols then were to teach on a college level. Some of his former jobs were: Committee for the Handicapped, tour guide, toboggan run builder, janitor, nightwatchman, school bus driver, coached basketball, track, and football, cleared swamps, built dams, Audio Visual Director, 6, 7 & 8th grade teacher, garbage collector, carpenter, and insurance agent! (Whew!) His favorite job was working with people, and woodworking. He decided to come to Montreat because of the desire to be around Godhonoring people, and he likes the natural resources around Montreat. Some of his favorite things are: still and motion photography, woodworking, remote control vehicles, gardening, hiking, camping, and traveling. His goals are to teach unique Christ-honoring

Mr. Williams teaches psycho-

logy. He was born in Jackson, Mississippi and grew up in Huntsville, Illinois. He went to Grissim High School. He got his degrees from: Athens State College, Athens, IL; Wheaton Graduate School, Florida State University, University of Kentucky, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Alabama A&M University, and Auburn University. He set out to build a home and family which would be a hope and inspiration for others, leading into a profession which would be designed to enhance family life. He is presently credentialed as a Family Therapist and Family Social Scientist. Some of his former jobs were: instructor at Florida State University and at Reformed Theological Seminary, Social Services Counselor at a state psychiatric hospital. His favorite job was teaching therapy. He decided to come to Montreat in order to teach in a Christian Liberal Arts College, and he liked the Asheville area. He is presently working on his doctorate dissertation. He likes the four-year program and thinks it very promising. He looks forward to seeing it expand.

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Big Important Dude

Texas. The Dean met about fourteen different people on the faculty and administrative staffs in a matter of two very enjoyable days. After he got home M-AC offered him the position! "One of the things that helped us know the Lord was leading us in this direction was the support from family and friends," said Dean McDowell. If any of the above wasn't enough "proof in the pudding," the McDowell's house sold the first day it was on the market, to the first buyer, who bought it for the

asking price. "This was a special blessing from the Lord because it freed our minds for all the other problems we would have to face when moving cross-country," said Dean McDowell.

Although Dean McDowell is still trying to observe and get to know his surroundings at M-AC he has some views on education in general. He hopes every student will "catch the vision" God has for them and realize that God gives everyone their own unique talents to use for Him. He also

hopes in the future to see M-AC provide all the tools possible to help our students integrate Christian teaching and the political, ethical, and economical decisions they face now and will face in the

The McDowell family is enjoying the slower pace of life here at Montreat and the friendliness of the people here. They add, "The students are terrific!"

Getting to know Dean McDowell would be a great idea for any student at Montreat-Anderson College.