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## Verse of the Week

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them- the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Psalm 146:5-6

## Montreat Loses a Good Friend

By Becca Snyder

Dr. Jack Crawford, a good friend and Professor Emeritus of the college, passed away Saturday, November 24, at age 69, after a brief struggle with cancer. He worked for the college from 1970 until his retirement in 1997. He served as Chair of the History Department, professor of history, and even as director of admissions in 1984.



Dr. Jack Crawford

Dr. King, Dr. Risher, and vice president Jac Whatley all reported that Crawford had a reputation for

being both a challenging teacher and a friendly, gregarious person. "He probably never knew a stranger," commented Don King.

Many people remember him as always caring for his students, and even keeping in touch with many after they graduated.

Jac Watley said Dr. Crawford was always finding financial donors for the college, and inventing new ways to save

money. He reported Crawford as being "an interesting combination of someone who was very frugal

and very generous at the same time. . . . He always thought of the college before he thought of himself."

Before coming to Montreat, Crawford spent nine years as a missionary for the Presbyterian Church, (US) in Zaire, working in theological education. He was Professor of Church History, Vice-Dean, and Faculty of Theology at Free University of Congo during his time in Africa.

Dr. Jack Crawford's heart for people, teaching, and service remains a fond memory at Montreat College, and he will certainly be missed. His local memorial service was held Saturday, December 1, in Gaither Chapel.

## Montreat's Prayer Vigil

By Tim Tyson

This last Friday saw the start of Montreat College's first and only 24-hour prayer vigil for the year 2001 in the Chapel of the Prodigal.

The purpose of the vigil was to have an organized time of prayer in which the whole community could participate. The vigil started at 12:30pm on Friday, November 30 and ended at 12:30pm on Saturday, December 1.

The time was broken up with three times of praise and worship: at the beginning of the vigil, at midnight, and to close the vigil. Special thanks go out to the worship team for going on the all out praise circuit.

The only glitch in the program was a short location change, which moved the vigil downstairs to room 117/118 for a few hours due to a scheduling conflict. It was then moved back upstairs for the praise service.

Overall, the vigil was an unprecedented success in that the primary goal was achieved. A location was available for a communal time of prayer

An event such as this has not

happened in a long time here at Montreat. If students are interested in having more events like this please send an e-mail to Chaplain Bill Cain at [bcain@montreat.edu](mailto:bcain@montreat.edu). Thank you Bill.



Ben and Matt leading worship during the night of the prayer vigil.

-T. Tyson