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## FROM THE EDITOR

So, what are your plans?

If graduates had a dollar for each time they were asked that question, it would probably relieve a lot of job-hunting stress. And this year's dismal job market only adds to the uncertainty that graduates feel as they seek to find their place in the world beyond campus.

However, there is no shortage of information available on finding employment, choosing a career, or even fulfilling purpose in life. The Internet, bookstores, seminars, counselors—all provide resources to help launch a graduate into the working world.

But as you glance through titles and topics, you begin to see a trend. Much of the information focuses on you. Statements such as, "The answers lie within you" or "Create your purpose," seem to be common. One source claims to help you find your purpose in life in 20 minutes. Another says that pretending to overhear conversations at your funeral will help you discover purpose in life.

A definite contrast to those viewpoints occurred at the 2009 Grace Commencement ceremony. Grace President Ron Manahan talked to graduates about "sharpening competence," a phrase taken from Grace's mission statement. He said that the dictionary defines a competent person as "one who has suitable or sufficient skill, knowledge, and experience to accomplish some purpose."

He reminded us that God has a purpose for His followers. In applying this biblical perspective to the area of competence, he stated: "My life is not simply about *my* purpose. My life ought to be about *God's* purpose for me." He added that in specific terms that means fulfilling God's purpose in the everyday details of our lives.

This focus has been a way of life for scores of Grace alumni through the years. For me, it's a privilege to hear story after story of alumni who are living in such a way that their impact for Christ and love for Him are unmistakable.

What's interesting about these stories is that they come from alumni of all ages. It's encouraging to hear of alumni who have served Christ for decades. And it's encouraging to hear about the recent graduates who share the same heart for the Lord.

In this issue of *Grace Magazine*, you'll read about some of our young alumni whose desire is to fulfill God's purpose in their lives. They represent many other Grace graduates who didn't settle for finding their own purpose or making life plans based on their own desires. They trusted God for direction and He kept His promise, just

as He said: "*For I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" (Jer. 29:11)



Judy Daniels, Editor

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Pictured at the 2009 Grace Commencement is Esther Shaver, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international languages and French from Grace College.

Esther's honor cords indicate that she graduated magna cum laude and is a member of Alpha Chi national honor society. Esther was the Essay Winner in Grace's first Presidential Scholarship Competition in 2004 and this year was one of the winners of the Foreign Languages and Cultures Award. Her parents, Dwight (MA 09) and Gwynne (MA 09), also graduated from Grace in May.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ronald E. Manahan, Th.D.



Every Grace Commencement is special. The 2009 graduation was no exception. Seeing graduates receive their diplomas brings joy to families, friends, and Grace employees. Graduates are happy too! The world into which this year's graduates walk is filled with challenge and opportunity. For them and us there is no better time to deepen roots of reliance on God and to quicken readiness to seek His wisdom and guidance.

I believe 2009 Grace Graduates were given the sort of educational experiences that fit them for facing challenges and finding opportunities that bring God

pleasure. To be sure, the challenges of our world are real and deep; *assumed* entitlements are shrinking, giving one the feeling of standing on unstable ground. Our global situation is not for the faint of heart and those with weak resolve to do right. Grace's mission emphasizes character development, and in light of the many challenges of our time, such emphasis could not be more appropriate. Our challenges require a strong sense of purpose, courage, and hope, an unyielding commitment to do what pleases God. Global circumstances may well require adaptability in a range of areas, but not in areas that diminish doing what brings pleasure to God. I am glad that Grace has invested resources in strengthening the character of its students and graduates for times like today.

These days, finding opportunities that bring God pleasure do not rest merely on an assumed access to entitlements and assured predictability of outcomes. The recent months have underscored that entitlements come *and* go and that one of the few predictables is the unpredictability of our circumstances. On the other hand, finding opportunities that bring God pleasure are available in every age and every circumstance. No set of circumstances is totally devoid of opportunities to give God pleasure. These opportunities may well come in forms we never imagined or employment that differs from our plans or timing that leaves us wondering what is going on or health that alters our lives. God knows the explanation; we may not. Our character will shape our response and degree of giving God pleasure. My point is that character matters.

When the graduating class of 2009 first entered Grace as students, little did we know the changes that would come to our local, regional, national, and global situation. We are surprised. How glad I am that Grace invested in strengthening character as it provided educational experiences for students. I pray that investment in students brings pleasure to God through the lives of these graduates.



Math education major Ryan Taylor.

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# May 8 Commencement



It was a day to celebrate as family and friends gathered at the Orthopaedic Capital Center to honor the 2009 graduates of Grace College and Seminary. It was also a day to reflect on God's faithfulness and to look forward to what He will do in the lives of the Class of 2009.



1. Doctor of Ministry graduate Charles Circle (left) and Master of Arts in Counseling graduate Jason Elliott (BS 01, CBHS 02) head for the OCC.
2. Staff member Sina Locke (left), checks the Commencement schedule with Oscar Arturo Osorio, soloist for the ceremony.
3. Dr. Mike Grill (right) congratulates Andrew Blackburn.
4. Seminary graduate John Mueller gets a good shot.
5. Music education major Erika Pappas (center) with her grandmother, Joan Fabbro (left), and Grace staff member Jody Hopper (right) at the Presidential Dessert on May 8.





# 2009



6. Andrew Stroup, JR Gray, and Bradley Gutwein pause before the Commencement ceremony.

7. Jennifer Roseler (right), education major, with Mallory Jones.



8. Jesse Stevens II and Kristy Smith (right).



9. Counseling and sociology major Corrin France (center) with her parents Jeff and Darla.



10. Lance (BA 06) and Sarah (Meloan, BS 05) Hostetler with Dr. Ken Bickel (right). Lance earned a Master of Divinity degree and Sarah, a Master of Arts in Counseling degree.



11. More than 2,000 people were on hand for Commencement.





# I M P A





# C T Beyond Graduation

by Judy Daniels

**Recent graduates share how following God's purpose can lead to some very interesting opportunities.**

## **Chaplain Jeff Mason**

**U.S. Army Chaplain  
Recently Returned from Iraq**

B.A. 2003, Grace College, Biblical Studies  
M.Div. 2007, Grace Theological Seminary, Pastoral Ministries

"I never thought I would ever go into the military, but God made it clear to me that this was where He wanted me," says Chaplain Jeff Mason. "He sent me into a mission field that is ripe for the Gospel."

Jeff came to Grace with plans to be a youth pastor. But the summer before he entered Grace Seminary, another student gave him some brochures about the chaplaincy. "I looked at them," said Jeff, "and thought it was an interesting idea, but I set the brochures aside." Throughout the summer, Jeff would glance at the information, and his interest grew.

The Lord continued to draw him toward the chaplaincy, and on May 22, 2004, Jeff was sworn in as an officer in the Army. In September 2008, he arrived in Iraq, where he has been responsible for the care of more than 600 soldiers, covering a wide variety of needs. One is to provide religious support, meaning his soldiers have the opportunity to attend services of their choosing. Another aspect of his work is serving as head chaplain for the contemporary protestant service.

Counseling soldiers, Jeff says, "is the biggest part of my job. They struggle with being separated from their families and friends. Many soldiers are finding marriages crumbling or ending.

"I help the company commanders and First Sergeants deliver Red Cross messages, informing soldiers of the death of a loved one or other issues dealing with the health of a loved one. These are the times when ministry of presence is most valuable and better than words.



*“I learned so much in my classes with great professors, but it was the opportunity to apply the principles in student organizations and ministries that cemented them deeper inside.”*

*Zach Boehm*



*(left) Chaplain Jeff Mason (left) with a soldier in Iraq who had just retaken his oath to reenlist. (center) Sarah Ashton. (right) Zach Boehm.*

“One of the toughest parts of my job is performing memorial ceremonies for fallen soldiers. Along with honoring and paying respects...I spend time helping the rest of the soldiers in that unit deal with the grief and pain they are feeling.

“There have been so many opportunities to serve God,” Jeff says. “Many times it is just sitting around talking with the soldiers about issues in life and how to deal with the stress.” The life and death aspects of war are always present, and suicide is also a reality. Jeff has had opportunity to talk with soldiers who are troubled by thoughts of suicide and, he says, “A few of them accepted Christ later on, and some realized that they needed to get back into a relationship with God.”

Jeff describes his years at Grace as “incredible. All the professors that I had teaching me were of the best caliber...the education and example were excellent. I learned a lot by serving the students I got to know.”

Jeff’s assignment in Iraq ended in July and he will be living in the Columbus, Ohio, area until he is assigned to a new unit. He has volunteered to go to Afghanistan and looks forward to serving there, saying, “I cannot imagine doing

anything else. I love ministering to my soldiers and look forward to getting to know new ones.”

### **Sarah Ashton**

**Elementary School Teacher  
Warsaw, Indiana**

B.A. 2004, Grace College, Elementary Education  
Master’s degree in Education, Indiana Wesleyan University

Sarah Ashton thought she had plans for her future. But the Lord had plans for her, too. “It is incredible to have now completed a few years of teaching and to look back and see how the Lord so clearly orchestrated things,” she says. “I thought that I was going to study business. It wasn’t until my senior year of high school that...I decided to take a class called Exploratory Teaching. I loved it! I decided to major in elementary education.

“I thought I was going to study at a large, public university. This wasn’t a good fit and I ended up moving back to Warsaw and enrolled in two classes at Grace ‘just until I could figure out my next step.’”

Sarah stayed at Grace longer than she had planned, finishing her elementary education degree. Her involvement in short-term missions trips through the

years also motivated her to take classes in missions and Spanish at Grace.

During her junior year as Sarah thought about the future, her mother encouraged her to look into overseas teaching opportunities. Sarah recalls, “My first response was, ‘I could never do that!’ I loved short-term trips but stepping out of my comfort zone and moving far from home? Well, the idea kept resurfacing and I decided to ‘just look into it.’

“One school in particular [in Honduras] seemed to fall into place. Again, I clearly saw the Lord’s hand in bringing this opportunity together. My plan was to go for a year.”

Her plans changed again as the Lord used her there for three years, not one, then provided a job when she returned to the States. She is now teaching at Harrison Elementary School in Warsaw, Ind., which she describes as “a really good fit.”

“My time at Grace laid the foundation for much of what I am doing now,” says Sarah. “I had no idea, at the time, how the Lord was working in my life. Looking back, though, I can clearly see His hand in these years!”

“Three things stand out to me as I reflect on my time at Grace. The first thing is



the emphasis on devotions and prayer in the classroom. I remember sitting in my first class at Grace and being pleasantly surprised when the professor opened the class with prayer.

“A second thing...is the close relationships with teachers. Their passion for the Lord and for us, as students, shone through. The third thing...is the importance of community! It was wonderful to be a part of a school where people cared for one another.

“The Lord has certainly given me opportunities to serve Him by allowing me to get involved in children’s lives. He has given me a passion for investing in relationships and this is such an important part of teaching! My time in Honduras has been invaluable to me. I learned more about the importance of relationships, of slowing down in life. I also learned to more consistently rely on the Lord in day-to-day living.

“My work involves teaching subjects such as math, English, reading, writing, social studies, science, and spelling. There is so much more, though! I have the pleasure of encouraging students and of sharing Christ’s love by the way I try to live my life.”

## Zach Boehm

WAY-FM Music Director;  
Total Axxess Producer  
Franklin, Tennessee

B.S. 2002, Grace College, Communication

If you’re in a certain generation, you will recognize the WAY-FM network and the show, *Total Axxess*. If you’re not, WAY-FM is Christian contemporary radio that exists to encourage young adults in their Christian lives and to introduce non-

believers to Christ. And Grace graduate, Zach Boehm, is a part of that ministry. He describes his role this way:

“I currently wear two hats. As music director of the WAY-FM network, I’m responsible for picking the songs we play and when we play them. I spend a lot of time researching what our listeners like and plotting the songs that will play every minute of every day. As *Total Axxess* producer, I’m the right hand man of Wally, the show’s host. That includes things like cutting audio, screening phone calls, debating and joking around on-air, booking artist interviews, shooting videos, and on and on.”

“Zach is the epitome of the ‘go to’ guy,” says *Total Axxess* host Wally. “He helps everyone regardless of whether or not it is in his job description. He is truly one of the best, not only producers, but people I have ever worked with.”

Zach says he “kind of fell into” his work in radio, remarking, “I never chased a career in radio. All I know for sure is that wherever I am, I need to be learning, growing, working hard, and serving others. I try to focus on those things, and then hope that when I feel a nudge from God, I have the faith to jump through whatever window He’s opened. My last job change required a big move, a big pay cut and a big risk in job security—all just two weeks after getting married [to wife Sarah]—but it seemed like a better opportunity to make a significant impact, and it has been worth it.

“Our radio network is working to figure out how to best connect to people and share God’s love in the context of our current culture. For a long time, Christian radio has confined itself with a promise to make everything positive

or safe. This kind of radio certainly has a purpose, but on its own, can impress a distorted reality with many important issues ignored. We’ve been finding that those tough issues can be a place of real growth and deep connection.”

Zach found that his years at Grace were a time of real growth as well. “Grace really helped me learn the importance of an ‘it’s not about me’ attitude,” he says. “Servant leadership was not only taught, but more importantly, modeled. It’s simply impossible to be mentored by a man like [former Grace dean] Ty Propp (MACSA 87) without absorbing his attitude of servant leadership.

“I learned so much in my classes with great professors, but it was the opportunity to apply the principles in student organizations and ministries that cemented them deeper inside. All colleges strive to grow their students’ competence, but it is Grace’s equal emphasis on developing character and preparing for service that sets it apart.”

## Ashley Smiley

Licensed Professional Counselor  
Champaign, Illinois

B.S., University of Illinois  
M.A. 2007 (Counseling), Grace College

“I am not a counselor that happens to be a Christian, but a Christian who has the privilege of being a counselor at this time in my life.”

That’s how Ashley (Drollinger) Smiley describes her work as a family counselor at the Developmental Services Center in Champaign, Ill. “I provide counseling in the natural environment, which usually means I visit clients at home, in a park, or a daycare setting,” she says. “Sometimes I see the entire family, and

“Grace taught me to never take for granted the position of counselor, that I have the honor of sitting with others as they take the courageous step to share their lives with me.”

Ashley Smiley



(left) Ashley Smiley. (center) Greg Foote. (right) Kaitlyn Northeimer.

other times I'm providing individual or marriage counseling. Because we serve families that have young children with developmental delays or disabilities, I'm often helping parents sort through their feelings of grief or confusion about the child with a disability. Facilitating support groups, coordinating community services, and client advocacy are also important aspects of this position."

Ashley's co-worker, Mary Petre, says "Ashley's strengths include being a good listener and making people feel that she genuinely cares about them. The most exciting thing has been how Ashley has been able to share her faith in a gentle manner so that some people's negative stereotypes of 'conservative Christians' have been challenged."

"I felt called to counseling periodically throughout my childhood," Ashley explains. "A family loss during my early teen years led me into a relationship with Christ. During this time I discovered that Jesus really was my antidote for the grief and pain my family was experiencing, and I began to think about helping others find similar peace. In high school God led me to a wise and godly counselor, Barb Hanson, who taught me that a relationship with Christ enabled me to help others."

Ashley continued to follow God's leading into counseling during college and afterward as she entered the Grace College Graduate Department of Counseling and Interpersonal Relations.

"Attending Grace was a wonderful maturation process for me," Ashley says. "The professors created an environment that allowed me to learn counseling skills and to develop spiritually as well. But Grace professors left their most valuable mark on my life by helping me understand my purpose in the context of my profession. They challenged me to define myself as a person who is first and foremost loved by Christ. Then I can strive to love others similarly."

"Grace taught me to never take for granted the position of counselor, that I have the honor of sitting with others as they take the courageous step to share their lives with me. I learned to see myself as an extension of God's grace to hurting people."

"Even though my job description doesn't say that I am a 'Christian counselor,' I have had multiple opportunities to share with staff and clients my Christian foundation for counseling. I have even seen some clients discover their great counselor in Jesus. For those who have

not, I aspire to represent Him well during our time together."

She adds that she has learned much about God's purpose for our lives through her laid-back husband, Jonathan. "Fulfilling my purpose for God is fun! It's not all work and suffering!"

## Greg Foote

Youth Pastor, Christ Community Evangelical Free Church  
Ashland, Ohio

B.S. 2003, Grace College, Youth Ministry and Business Administration

Greg Foote remembers a question in high school that was pivotal in giving direction for his future.

"My youth pastor asked me if I had ever thought about going into ministry and becoming a youth pastor," Greg recalls. "When he first asked me, I laughed it off, thinking there is no way I could do that. And my initial response was right, because there is no way 'I' can do this. It is God working through me." Greg says that question, plus "much prayer, and several other opportunities like mission trips, helping with volunteer youth staff, youth ministry internships, and being a resident assistant in college" were



instrumental as God led him into youth ministry work.

Now, a few years after that question, Greg is the one working with young people. He and his wife, Shannon, and two children, Lucas (2½) and Kallie (1), live in Ashland, Ohio, where Greg is youth pastor at the Christ Community Evangelical Free Church.

“Every day there is something new,” he says. “I am able to pass on the knowledge and wisdom that has been given to me and that I am constantly learning, and share that with others. I have the opportunity to teach teenagers what it means to be a life-long disciple of Jesus. I get to share the Gospel with people. I have the benefits of laughing and crying with teens and their families. I love it when I see students pray, wrestle with the Scriptures, take what they learn from God’s Word and live it out in their daily lives, and share Jesus with their friends.”

Greg says his time at Grace “taught and showed me how to live a Great Commission life in a Great Commandment way. I was blown away...when I first came. Every professor started off the semester in prayer, and we would pray at different times throughout the rest of our class times. We prayed, not only in the classes, but also on our halls and in accountability groups. I learned much about myself.”

Greg’s senior pastor, Mike Futrell, says, “The success and depth of Greg’s ministry to our youth and to their families is a reflection of the depth and commitment he has for his family, Christ, and the church. Greg and his wife, Shannon, minister out of a genuine and deep relationship with Christ and love for His people. Greg is a wonderful model of a

servant leader who serves and cares for the lost and hurting around us. My wife and I count it a real honor and a blessing to co-labor with Greg and his wife.”

Greg puts it simply when he says, “The basic task that I do is pray, teach, train, and personally live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ with teenagers.”

### Kaitlyn Northeimer

Communications Director/Photographer,  
Kids International Ministries  
Manila, Philippines, August 2008-June 2009

B.S. 2008, Grace College, Sociology and Psychology

“Kaitlyn’s work with Kids International was amazing to witness first-hand,” said Scott Feather, Grace College dean of the chapel and global ministries, after a missions trip to Manila this spring. “Her heart for kids and pursuit of excellence was a huge asset.”

Kaitlyn Northeimer just completed a short-term ministry as communications director for Kids International Ministries, an organization that serves impoverished children through children’s homes or adoption.

“I was responsible to make sure that our supporters and past volunteers in America knew what was going on here in Manila,” says Kaitlyn. “I wrote monthly newsletters, e-mailed people, and kept our Web site up to date. I also spent time with our 33 children (ages 11 months to 14 years old) at the home. It took a lot of energy to keep up with that many kids, but was so rewarding at the same time.

Jeff Long, president of K.I.M. says that Kaitlyn was a “valuable team member in caring for kids and inspiring others to get involved. She never hesitated to step in to help in whatever way we needed her.”

Kaitlyn’s path to Manila began when she was 17. “I started seeing God lead me toward the mission field. I went on a short-term trip to Manila and absolutely fell in love with the people and the culture here. I knew I wanted to return but didn’t know how that would work out, so of course I was thrilled when God provided me with opportunities to return in college. Those trips got my feet on the ground again and gave me the confidence I needed to realize I could live here. It was a long road trying to figure out exactly where He was leading during my senior year, but in the end it was so clear I was supposed to return here.”

Her time at Grace College was a definite influence, as Kaitlyn explains. “I like to have a plan, and my sophomore year, a lot of people came around me and helped me to see that my plans didn’t allow Him to work in my life the way He wanted. My plans flew up in the air and when everything came down, I had no clue what would happen next. Several close friends and faculty at Grace really helped me sift through everything and are still a huge encouragement to me.

“I have truly enjoyed loving the children at our home and hopefully sharing God’s love with them through the way I lived. There is nothing more rewarding than watching God work in people’s lives daily.”

Kaitlyn will be watching God work now in her own future as she takes her next steps. She returned to the States this summer, and says she is “waiting for God to show me what He has next for my life.” With a willing heart and confidence in God’s leading, Kaitlyn is looking forward to what will come next.

# Planning Your Vacation or Pursuing Your Vocation?

by Jeffrey A. Gill, D.Min.  
Dean, School of Ministry Studies  
Grace Theological Seminary

*Have you noticed as you read and study Scripture that our calling is more about being called to the person of Jesus Christ than it is about being called to a place or a position?*



**Commencement is an annual highlight on a college campus. It's a time of relief, celebration, and accomplishment. My youngest daughter graduated from Grace this May and as we, her family and friends, gathered on that day, I was both proud of her achievement and excited about her future.**

We all know that a degree doesn't guarantee graduates high-paying employment or entitle them to their "dream job" before the ink on their diploma has dried and they've returned their rented cap and gown. What we at Grace think is more important is for them to gain a clearer understanding of God, how He has gifted them, and what His purpose or calling is for their lives. I think it's unfortunate that the idea of "calling" tends to be reserved exclusively for those who are "called to vocational ministry," such as the pastorate or the mission field. We more commonly use the word "vocation" as the broader term when talking about one's career. But I recently went to the Web site [www.Reference.com](http://www.Reference.com) and was pleased to find an excellent definition of "vocation." It reads: "A

vocation is an occupation for which a person is suited, trained, or qualified. It is also the inclination to undertake a certain kind of work, especially a religious career; often in response to a perceived summons; *a calling*."

In his excellent book, *The Call*, Os Guinness writes, "There is no calling unless there is a Caller" (Guinness, 2003, p. 20). As Christians, our life purpose is tied to the person and plan of God. We cannot say that it's fine if others want to serve and sacrifice and give of themselves for the purpose of the gospel, yet conclude that our lives are only going to be about the pursuit of money, happiness, and comfort. Jesus' words about the cost of discipleship had nothing to do with one's occupa-



tion and how he/she earns a living. He spoke with power and clarity when He said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me he must *deny himself*, take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). He added, "Any of you who does not *give up everything* he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33). Notice two specific conditions, "Deny himself... give up everything."

Have you noticed as you read and study Scripture that our calling is more about being called to the person of Jesus Christ than it is about being called to a place or a position? It's a lot like "wanting to know God's will for my life." This question is all too often focused incorrectly. Here are a couple of verses about the will of God, "It is *God's will* that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality" (1 Thessalonians 4:3). Here's another set of verses in 1 Thessalonians 5, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is *God's will* for you in Christ Jesus" (vv. 16-18). The Bible is crystal clear. *Our primary calling is to a Person, not to a place or a position.*

It is our sincere prayer that whether our students graduate with a degree in business, elementary education, psychology, music performance, sports management, graphic arts, math, or biblical studies, they understand and embrace the reality that they have been called by God to pursue Him and live out His purpose for their lives. This emphasis is one of the greatest values of a Bible-centered, Christian education. So we hope that a couple of months after Commencement our new graduates are thinking more about "pursuing their vocation" than just "planning their vacation"!

## ITINERARIES

### Summer – Fall 2009



#### **Jeffrey A. Gill, D.Min.**

Dean, School of Ministry Studies  
Grace Theological Seminary

**August 4–14** Meet with African Seminary Leaders and Pastors, Bangui, Central African Republic



#### **Ken Bickel, D.Min.**

Professor of Pastoral Ministries

**November 10** North Atlantic Fellowship Ministerium (FGBC), Lancaster, Pennsylvania



#### **Matthew Harmon, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of New Testament Studies

**August 15** "No Doubt" Apologetics Conference ([www.gotnodoubt.com](http://www.gotnodoubt.com)), Indianapolis, Indiana

**November 18–20** Evangelical Theological Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana



#### **Christy Hill, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation and Women's Ministries

**October 14–17** NAPCE Board Meetings, Louisville, Kentucky



#### **Tiberius Rata, Ph.D.**

Chair, Biblical Studies Department

**September 11–13** Camp Michiwana Men's Retreat

**October 12–14** Calvary Bible Church, Paulding, Ohio



#### **Tom Stallter, D.Miss.**

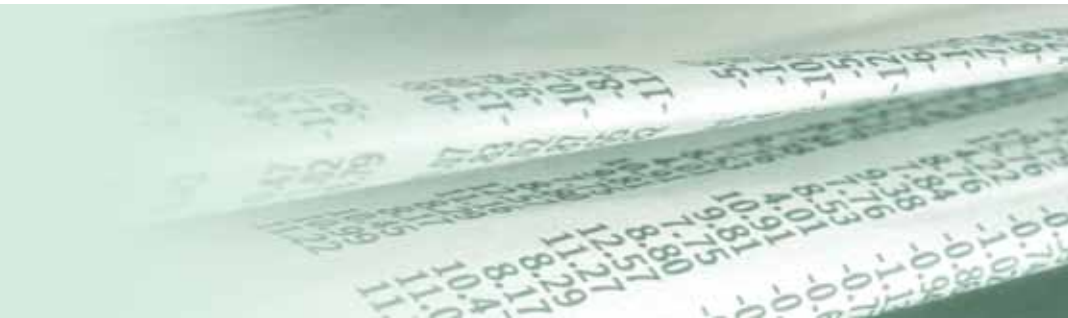
Professor of Intercultural Studies

**August 7–12** Love in Action, International, Inc., Madrid, Spain

**September 7–9** Evangelical Missiological Society National Meeting, Orlando, Florida

# Are There Any Rec

by Greg Weimer  
Director of Planned Giving



*Because of the uncertain economic times in which we live, a combination of strategies may be needed to complete an appropriate estate plan for you.*

The advice is varied and often contradictory:

- “Get out of the stock market and invest in bonds!”
- “Get out of the stock market and the bond market. Invest in commodities!”
- “Stay in the stock market and make a killing. Here are a few gems...”
- “Find a cave and hide there until the world collapses!”

Some economic forecasters are predicting that the current recession will end in the first quarter of 2010. Others are saying it may take five years to see a significant improvement in the world economy. Are there any safe economic tools and recession-proof options for a Grace College donor?

There are at least three options for a donor to investigate.

## Number 1: Charitable Gift Annuity

### *What is a charitable gift annuity?*

The gift annuity is a contractual arrangement under which you make a contribution to Grace College and Seminary, and then receive guaranteed payments for life. It's a way of giving that allows you to make a substantial gift even though you may need ongoing income from your assets.

### *What are the benefits?*

- Guaranteed payments for life
- A portion of the annuity payment is tax-free
- Charitable deduction in the year of the gift
- An annuity rate often higher than the interest paid on current fixed investments
- Capital gains tax savings on appreciated assets
- Satisfaction of assisting Grace College and Seminary in its mission

### *How does it work?*

Most charitable gift annuities are funded with gifts of cash, securities, or real property. When you contribute securities, the annuity payments will probably exceed the dividends you were receiving.

Grace College and Seminary invests and manages your contribution, and at the end of your life, the remainder is available to Grace for future ministry needs.

The amount of the annual payments will depend on the amount invested, the ages of the beneficiaries, and the annuity rate schedule in effect at the time of the gift. Once the annuity is established, *the payments will remain fixed, regardless of changes in the economy.*

## Number 2: IRA Rollover

### *What are the tax incentives for giving IRA assets?*

The Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 allows taxpayers over 70½ to make tax-free distributions to charity directly from their traditional and Roth IRAs



# Session-Proof Options?

(Individual Retirement Accounts) before the end of 2009.

Making gifts from IRA funds that would otherwise be subject to tax if withdrawn voluntarily or under mandatory withdrawal requirements may be a wise choice for many. Donors can make tax-free charitable gifts from their IRA in any amount they choose up to \$100,000 per year. A couple with separate IRAs could each give up to that amount. Amounts given to charity in this way will qualify as all or part of a mandatory withdrawal.

## **What are the benefits for donors?**

Making gifts using IRA assets can help some avoid adverse tax consequences. While these gifts do not technically result in an additional tax deduction, they are nevertheless tax free. In addition, you may bypass any additional tax on your Social Security benefits that could otherwise be due because of the increased income represented by an IRA withdrawal.

If you are among those concerned about estate and income taxes depleting IRA assets left to heirs as part of your estate, you may want to make tax-free distributions to charity in 2008 and 2009 and provide for inheritances to loved ones from other assets. By giving in this way, you can assure that donated IRA funds will never be subject to income or estate taxation, thereby resulting in more assets available for your heirs.

## **Are there any additional details?**

Keep in mind that to qualify for maximum tax benefits, gifts of IRA assets must be made directly from your IRA to the charitable interests you specify. To enjoy the full benefit of this IRA giving opportunity, gifts must be completed

prior to December 31 of this year. Check with your advisors or IRA administrator for more details and assistance in directing funds to the organizations of your choice and for information about how state taxes and other considerations may affect your plans. As always, we are available to assist you in any way possible when making your gifts.

## **Number 3: Charitable Lead Trust**

### **What is a charitable lead trust?**

A charitable lead trust can be established in several different formats and is called by several different names (for example: charitable lead annuity trust or charitable lead unitrust). However, the unifying features of these trusts are generally as follows:

- A donor may establish a lead trust for a certain number of years or for a lifetime.
- The donor (rather than receiving the trust income) directs the trust income to charity.
- After the number of years or the lifetime, the remainder assets are distributed back to the donor (a grantor lead trust) or to heirs and other beneficiaries (a non-grantor lead trust).

### **What are the advantages of a charitable lead trust?**

The advantages can include:

- This trust arrangement can create a gift tax charitable deduction (if made during life) or an estate tax charitable deduction (if made at death).
- Intra-family transfers of property can be made with substantial gift and estate tax savings.

- If the trust is completed during the lifetime of the donor, an income tax charitable deduction may also be created.
- The donor is able to support a key charity for a number of years (or a lifetime) while also securing the above advantages.

### **Why is this a good time to consider a charitable lead trust?**

The current Applicable Federal Rates (AFR's) are extremely low, creating the highest deductions. If you are facing significant gift or estate taxes, a charitable lead trust could be a helpful tool in your overall estate plan.

## **Conclusion**

Because of the uncertain economic times in which we live, a combination of the above strategies may be needed to complete an appropriate estate plan for you. Using life insurance to transfer wealth to heirs or to charity may need to be investigated. Using a charitable remainder trust to donate appreciated assets to charity may also need to be considered. Your financial advisors can assist you with these various options. A complete review of your current estate plan should be added to your "To Do" list.



*If you have questions about your estate plan or if you want to include a charitable gift for Grace College in your estate, e-mail Greg Weimer at*

**weimergd@grace.edu** or call him at **574.372.5100, ext 6124**. He may also be reached toll free at **866.448.3472**.

# Class of 1959 Celebrates Golden Grad Reunion



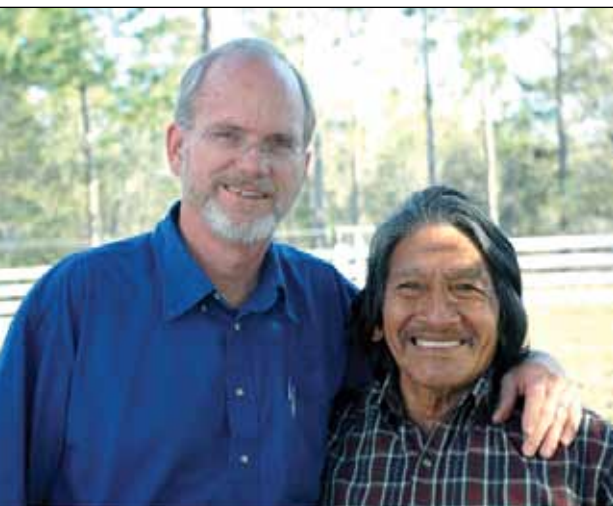
The Golden Graduate Reunion for the Grace College and Seminary Class of 1959 was held Thursday, May 7 to Saturday, May 9. Twenty-two class members and spouses attended the weekend's festivities which included a campus tour, luncheon with Grace President Ron Manahan, and a reunion dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant in The Village at Winona. The weekend concluded on Saturday as the class members were honored with memorabilia graduation stoles and ushered with the Class of 2009 into the Commencement Ceremony at the Orthopaedic Capital Center.

*(top left) Class members present for the reunion included (front row, left to right): Alva Steffler (BA 57, BD 59), Gloria (Fiscus, BS 59) Hall, Nancy (Weber, BA 59) Messner, Shirley (Smith, BS 59) Slagle. Back row: Frederick Burklin (BA 56, MDiv 59), Melvin Hobson (MDiv 59), Kenneth (BA 59, BD 62) and Janice (Grubb, BA 59) Koontz, Amos Good (BA 59), Randy Poyner (BA 59, BD 62), Eddie Mensinger (BA 59, BD 62), Betty (Butterbaugh, BS 59) Byers, Robert Clinton (BA 56, MDiv 59), Dalene (Rider, BS 59) Roddy, Hyla (Palmer, BS 59) Snider.*



*(bottom left) Alumni Services Director Tim Ziebarth gives the Golden Grads their stoles before Commencement. (Left to right): Ziebarth, Eddie Mensinger, Kenneth and Janice Koontz, and Nancy Messner.*

# Author Steve Saint to Speak in Grace Chapel



Alumni and friends of Grace are invited to Grace Chapel on Wednesday, November 4 at 10 a.m. to hear Steve Saint, author of the book, *End of the Spear*. Saint is the son of missionary pilot Nate Saint, who was one of five young missionaries killed in Ecuador in 1956 by the Waodani Indians (known as Aucas), whom they were trying to reach with the gospel.

Saint was five years old when his father was murdered, but he and his family remained in Ecuador. They spent time with the Waodani and saw many of them come to the Lord through the years. Saint returned to the U.S. after high school and graduated from Wheaton College in 1973 with a degree in economics. He is a businessman, pilot, author of three books, and known for his work among indigenous tribes. In 2006, a major film adaptation was made of his book, *End of the Spear*.

Plan to attend chapel on November 4 at the Orthopaedic Capital Center on the Grace campus and stay for a VIP luncheon afterward. More details will be available soon on the Grace Web site at [www.grace.edu/alumni](http://www.grace.edu/alumni).

*Steve Saint, left, with Mincaye, one of the men who killed Saint's father in 1956.*



# Summer Ministry Prayer List

Serving in a summer ministry can be a life-changing experience. It can have a tremendous impact on an individual and may set the direction for future service. Each spring, we ask Grace students and employees to let us know if they're serving in a summer ministry so we can include them in this prayer list. Then we ask you to pray for them, not only this summer, but in the weeks following their service. Whether it's for a week or the entire summer, this experience could have a significant impact. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers.

## Camps / Children's Work

**Samantha Bergsma**, The Springs Summer Camp, MI  
**Abby Birkey**, Spring Hill Camps, IN  
**Tae Braner**, Spring Hill Camps, MI  
**Cori Brant**, Camp Id Ra Ha Je, CO  
**Amy Cuff**, Camp Patmos, OH  
**Angie DeCook**, Tri-State Grace Brethren Junior Camp, OH  
**Crystal Godshall**, Camp Mantowagan, PA  
**Rachel Greene**, Bair Lake Bible Camp, MI  
**Lyndsay Hayes**, Koinonia Camp and Conference Center, OH  
**Nathan Hesselink**, Cross Bar X, CO  
**Kati Hock**, Clydehurst Christian Ranch, MT  
**Paul Jones**, Clydehurst Christian Ranch, MT  
**Val Keers**, Twin Lakes Camp, IN  
**Amy Keith** (staff), Camp Peniel and Camp Buckner, TX  
**Amanda Knight**, Spring Hill Camps, MI  
**Joe Lehmann** (faculty), Camp Brookwoods and Deer Run, NH  
**Nathaniel Litzinger**, Camp Kanesatake, PA  
**David Lontz**, Skyview Ranch, OH  
**Amy Misak**, Gull Lake Ministries Family Camp, MI  
**Connie Okupski**, Circle C Ranch, NY  
**Faith Olson**, Prairie Camp, IN  
**DJ Patibandla**, High Point Camp, PA  
**Samuel Roth**, Jesus is Mine Club, NY  
**Rachel Sproles**, Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries, Warsaw, IN  
**Jennifer Swanson**, Camp Echoing Hills, Warsaw, OH  
**Kayla VanderMey**, Grace Adventures Paradise Ranch, MI  
**Jana Vastbinder**, Miracle Camp, MI  
**Rachael Warrington**, Royal Family Kids' Camp, OH  
**Joel Zakahi**, Camp Clear Lake, WA

## Churches / Youth Ministries/ Inner City/ Community

*GBC=Grace Brethren Church*  
*Momentum=formerly Brethren National Youth Conference*  
**Devan Adams**, Plymouth (IN) Baptist Church  
**Katie Adams**, Impact 2818, Pierceton, IN  
**Sharine Ball**, Dimond Grace Fellowship, Anchorage, AK  
**Kylee Barnett**, Apache Youth Ministries, Whiteriver, AZ  
**Curtis Bowden**, Officer's Christian Fellowship, Manns Choice, PA  
**Brittany Boyd**, Urban Hope Training Center, Philadelphia, PA  
**Jill Bretzinger**, Inner City Impact, Chicago, IL  
**Tracie Brumbaugh**, Inner City Impact, Chicago, IL  
**Marcus Cristopherson**, Immediate Care, IL  
**Emily Darrough**, Campus Crusade for Christ Summer Project, Santa Cruz, CA

**Nathan Dick**, Sunnyside (WA) GBC  
**Abigail Dutcher**, Agape Family Church, MI  
**Kayla Eilers**, The National Institute, Philadelphia, PA  
**Michele Erickson**, church ministry, Warrington, PA  
**Jordan Gillette**, GBC of Columbus, Worthington, OH  
**Andrew Gross**, Urban Hope, Philadelphia, PA/NJ  
**Noelle Haynie**, Faith Baptist Church, KY  
**Zac Hess**, Southview GBC, Ashland, OH  
**Elizabeth Heuss**, Mission Indy, Indianapolis, IN  
**Jason Horner**, Berkey Brethren Church, Windber, PA  
**Natalie Huebner**, National Park Ministry, ND  
**Dr. Patrick Kavanaugh** (faculty), MasterWorks Festival, Winona Lake, IN  
**Dr. Jim Kraft** (faculty), MasterWorks Festival, Winona Lake, IN  
**Karissa Krup**, Awana Lifeline Prison Ministry, Streamwood, IL  
**Gert Kumi** (faculty), MasterWorks Festival, Winona Lake, IN  
**Timothy Kurtaneck** (faculty), Operation Barnabas, OH to PA; Momentum  
**Souletta Laufman**, Lutheran Disability Outreach, Fort Wayne/Auburn, IN  
**Shawn Longenberger**, Kellam Music Studios, Liberty Center, IN  
**Leah Lawburgh**, OB/Urban Hope, PA  
**Alex Melara**, Kingdom Causes, CA  
**Linda Molyneux**, Winona Lake (IN) GBC  
**Yoshiya Murakawa**, Boston (MA) Chinese Evangelical Church  
**Virginia Myers**, His Mansion, Hillsboro, NH  
**Brittany Norris**, Awaken Church, Virginia Beach, VA  
**Chris Parker**, Urban Hope Training Center, Philadelphia, PA  
**Joshua Placeway**, NorthWest Chapel GBC, Dublin, OH  
**Erica Powell**, National Parks Ministry, ND  
**Amber Richardson**, Fourteenth and Chestnut Community Center, Terre Haute, IN  
**Jeremy Robbins**, Operation Barnabas, OH to PA  
**Matthew Ruppel**, Operation Barnabas, OH to PA  
**Todd Shoemaker**, Operation Barnabas, OH to PA  
**John Sloat**, Grace Community Church, Cranberry, PA  
**Stuart Smith**, Second Church of Christ, Danville, IL  
**Katie Snyder**, Operation Barnabas, PA  
**Heather Speckman**, Urban Hope Training Center (PA) and Innercity Mission  
**Dr. John Teevan** (faculty), Warsaw (IN) Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Greensboro (VT) UCC  
**Emily Thomas**, Shepherd Road Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, FL  
**Ryan Wroughton**, Calvary Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA

## Missions

*GBIM=Grace Brethren International Missions*  
**Katherine Aardsma**, GO Grace Team, Philippines  
**Kelly Bolt**, GO Grace Team, Philippines  
**Rachel Bult**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Nikki Burau**, New Tribes Missions, New Guinea  
**Laura Burns**, Missionary Athletes International/Chicago Eagles, Brazil  
**Heidi Class**, GO Grace Team, Philippines  
**Deanna Cook**, GO Grace Team, Philippines  
**Henry Crans**, SEND, Spain  
**Daphne Duncan**, Hope Center, Honduras  
**Heidi Eastep**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**E. Scott Feather** (faculty), GO Grace Team, Philippines  
**Benjamin Geiser**, GO Team, Turkey  
**Emily Gillentine**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Sarah Halm**, Josiah Venture, Czech Republic  
**Andria Harshman** (staff), SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Julene Holladay**, Monterrico Christian School, Peru  
**Krystal Holst**, Centennial Camp, Guatemala  
**Andrew Husen**, GBIM and North Star Outdoor Adventures, Japan  
**Andrea Knight**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Stephanie Lawson**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Drew Martin**, Medical Missions Outreach, Peru  
**Bethany Michalski**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Brittany Nelson**, GO Grace Team, Dominican Republic  
**Kyle Plumlee**, Campus Outreach, South Africa  
**Bo Roseberry**, GBIM GO Grace Team, Ireland  
**Emily Rush**, GBIM, Central African Republic  
**Jamie Sandy**, Reign Ministries/Royal Servants, Sierra Leone  
**Tommi Sauder**, GBIM, U.S.  
**Julie Shearer**, GO Grace Team, Philippines  
**Amber Smith**, Macedonia World Baptist Missions, Burkina Faso, Africa  
**Heather Speckman**, GBIM, Central African Republic  
**Roger Stichter** (faculty), Mexico Caruan Ministries, Mexico  
**Ken Thompson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions, Dominican Republic  
**Enrica Verrett**, SCORE International, Dominican Republic  
**Melody Vida**, GBIM, Central African Republic  
**Jacob Wachtel**, GBIM, France  
**Rachael Warrington**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions, Dominican Republic  
**Melissa Witwer**, Lancaster Bible College, Western Europe  
**Margot Yoder**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions, Dominican Republic

## Kim M. Reiff Named New Art Chair



Kim M. Reiff was named the new chair of the Grace College Art Department beginning in fall 2009. Reiff, who has more than 20 years of graphic design

and marketing communications experience, comes to Grace from NuVasive, Inc., a spine implant company in San Diego, Cal., where she was manager of marketing communications. She has also served in other orthopaedic companies, including Biomet, Inc., (Warsaw, Ind.), worked in advertising, print publishing, and mentored graphic designers.

Reiff, who is from the Warsaw area, is a graduate of Indiana University-Fort Wayne (BFA), Indiana Wesleyan University (MBA), and Azusa Pacific University (MFA). "I have always had in my heart the desire to pursue my Master of Fine Arts to both become a better visual artist and to teach art at the college level," she says.

When Reiff was a child, growing up in an unsupportive environment, she was profoundly influenced by a speaker who came to her church. That speaker was Dr. John Davis from Grace Seminary, who showed slides of artworks from excavations in the Holy Land. "It was from that presentation I understood there was a connection between me, making art, the value of art, and God." She never crossed paths with him again, but that presentation impacted her life.

Through the years, Reiff met others from Grace through working relationships and says, "I have been richly blessed by those who were blessed by Grace." She looks forward to continuing the strong tradition of Grace's Art Department, working with students, and developing internships. Reiff and her husband, Dennis, will relocate to Indiana in August. They have a daughter, Amber, who lives in California.

## Gano and Shipley Redirect their Ministries

Several staff and faculty positions were affected as Grace moved through the process of preparing next year's budget in the midst of the national, state, and regional economic turmoil surrounding higher education in general and Grace College and Seminary in particular. The following two employees have also retired.

After serving as a faculty member with Grace Schools for 18 years, Dr. Peter Gano's half-time faculty position was not renewed for the 2009-10 year. He will begin the retirement phase of his life while continuing to teach part-time as an adjunct professor at Grace.

Gano is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University (BME, MA) and the University of California, Santa Barbara (PhD) and is a U.S. Army veteran. He came to Grace in 1991 after serving on the faculty of The Ohio State University School of Music for 23 years. While at Ohio State, he was chairman of the Music History Division ((1985-89) and also received the OSU Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching (1986).

Gano, who was chair of Grace's Music Department from 1998-2006, says "My biggest delight in coming to and teaching at Grace was working with the students and helping them prepare to use their musical gifts." A highlight for Gano was contributing to the department's accreditation efforts which resulted in receiving accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music in 2000.

Gano is looking forward to teaching as an adjunct, assisting with other courses, and working with Morgan Library's music catalogues. He and his wife, Pat, are also looking forward to spending more time with their family, which includes daughter Beth and husband John, son Drew (BS 90) and wife Martha (Litchford, BA 91), and six grandchildren.



(left) Dr. Peter Gano, (right) Jim Shipley

Jim Shipley announced his retirement effective August 31, 2009. His position as director of special events will not be replaced, and his work will be shared by other existing staff. Shipley has served Grace in multiple capacities for 36 years, including assistant director of admissions and registrar, registrar, full-time faculty member, and director of special events.

Shipley is a graduate of Grace College (BME 68, BS 92) and Ball State University (MA). During his years at Grace he says he has seen "the transition of the records for the college and seminary from a manual process to a computerized process...[and] the highest enrollments in the history of both schools at that time." He says highlights included directing and traveling with brass groups, being a part of the Prison Extension Program growth, and working with "a truly great staff and meeting the community and public" in special events.

Shipley is married to Pam (Osborn, BS 68), who teaches kindergarten at Jefferson Elementary School in Winona Lake. Their family includes daughter Cathy (BS 93) Lehman and husband, Trent (BS 94); son Scott (C 95) and wife Nicole; daughter Jill (BS 05) Charton and husband Chris; and four grandchildren. Shipley looks forward to traveling and spending more time with the family. He says he will also be "spending time with my 'hobby' known as 'wheels & vehicles' and...continuing to seek God's direction on future ministry opportunities."



# Special Honors for Three Grace Employees

Three Grace employees were given special honors by the institution at the end of the school year.

## Institute Renamed in Honor of Gordon

Grace President Ron Manahan announced at the 2009 Commencement Ceremony that The Institute for Enterprise Development has been renamed The William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development, in honor of its founder and his years of service at Grace College that have made the Institute possible. The plaque presented at commencement read:

*In recognition of service and leadership of the Business Department; the promotion of academic excellence, spiritual maturity, and vocational ministry among students; and commitment to experiential learning.*

### **The William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development**

Gordon joined the Grace College faculty in 1978 and led the Business Department for 28 years, retiring from the classroom in 2008. For many years, his vision had been to form an initiative that gave business students, faculty, alumni and friends an opportunity to interact with enterprises around the world. His vision has taken shape in the establishment of The Institute for Enterprise Development. Gordon spent the 2008-09 school year launching the Institute by making contacts, securing donations, and planning for learning opportunities.

Dr. Manahan also announced at Commencement that Alumni Services Director Tim Ziebarth has been appointed as Gordon's successor. Ziebarth will continue to give oversight to Grace's Alumni Services and will enhance the synergy between the Alumni Services area and alumni interaction with the Institute. *For more information, see page 31.*

## Peugh Receives McClain Award

Dr. Roger Peugh, professor of World Mission, received the McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching at Awards Chapel on April 30. The award, named in honor of Grace's founding president, Dr. Alva J. McClain, is presented to a faculty member who is an outstanding example of teaching excellence.

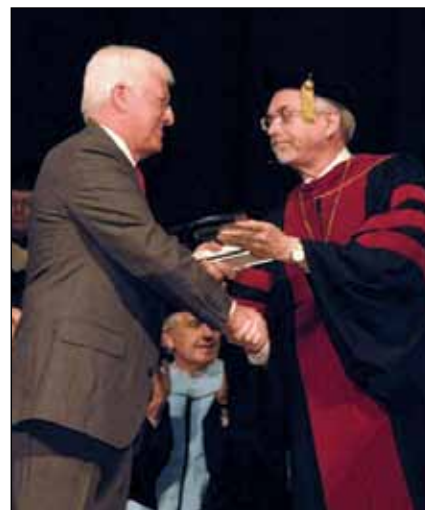
One of Dr. Peugh's colleagues said of him, "He embodies passion for his students and a love for learning...He engages the students not only in the academic exercise, but the practical side of one of the greatest disciplines of the Christian life...prayer."

Dr. Peugh joined the Grace faculty in 1989, after serving for 20 years as a missionary in Germany with Grace Brethren International Missions. He is a graduate of Grace College (BA 65) and Grace Theological Seminary (MDiv 68, DMin 06). He and his wife, Nancy (Orndorf, BS 65), have four children, Ryan and wife Lynelle (C 94), Phil (BA 93) and wife Rhonda (Yoder, BS 94), Lamar (BA 01), and Lynae (BA 08), and seven grandchildren.

## GEM Award Given to Kathy Gill

Kathy Gill, special events coordinator, received a GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Award at Grace's employee meeting on April 17. The award recognizes and rewards outstanding acts of employee service.

Kathy, who came to Grace in 2004, works primarily in Westminster Hall, handling all the bookings, organization of events, and management of Westminster's guest rooms. "Kathy willingly adds the extra touches to all she does,"



(top) Dr. Ron Manahan presents a plaque to Professor Bill Gordon at Commencement

(above left) Roger Peugh

(above right) Kathy Gill



said one of her co-workers. "Kathy's warm and energetic personality makes everyone feel accepted, special, and welcomed on Grace's campus."

Gill is a graduate of The Ohio State University College of Home Economics (BS). Prior to moving to Winona Lake in 2002, she operated her own catering business, "Always Room for Dessert," in Delaware, Ohio. She and her husband, Jeff (MDiv 82), dean of Grace's School of Ministry Studies, have two daughters, Emily Bechtel (and husband Dave) and Lisa Wright, BS 09, (and husband Abe), and one grandson.

## Dean of Students Emeritus Arnold Kriegbaum Dies



Arnold Kriegbaum, 95, who served Grace as dean of students from 1961-1979, died on June 27 in Fishers, Ind. Kriegbaum, who was present at the historic prayer meeting in 1937

when Grace Seminary began, was a graduate of Long Beach Junior College (AA), Ashland College (BA), and Grace Theological Seminary (BD 40, ThM 49). He was licensed to the ministry in 1935 and pastored churches in Ohio, California, and Iowa. From 1953-1961, he served as editor/business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. in Winona Lake, Ind., before coming to Grace.

While at Grace, Kriegbaum not only served as dean, but taught and worked in public relations as well, traveling with quartets on weekends and in the summers to represent Grace in churches around the country. Upon his retirement in 1979, the Grace yearbook was dedicated in his honor. Among the words written about him in that book were: "Perhaps the most endearing have been the times when he has gone the extra mile for students in need."

In his retirement years, Kriegbaum founded a church (1981-84) in Ocala, Fla. In 2004 he and his wife, Laura, moved to Indiana to live with their daughter, Karen (BS 65) Bragg and her husband, Charles. Kriegbaum is survived by three children, Richard (S 62) and wife Peggy; Ward (BA 64, S 66) and wife Kristin (Auxt, BS 67); and Karen and husband Charles; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Laura, his wife of 67 years, preceded him in death in 2007. *Memorials to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. or Grace College and Seminary.*

## 2009 Student Awards and Scholarships

**Grace College and Seminary presented its 2009 awards and scholarships to the following students this spring. Congratulations to each one who was honored.**

**Grace Seminary** (*Awards presented at the President's Luncheon on May 8.*)

**The Alva J. McClain Award in Systematic**

**Theology:** Darren D. Kloepper

**The John J. Davis Award in Old Testament:**

Dwight A. Shaver

**The Homer A. Kent Jr. Award in New Testament:**

Kevin R. Becker

**The Russell D. Barnard Award in World Missions:**

Armando Lucio

**Award in Expository Preaching:** Timothy R. Clothier

**Faculty Award:** Peter W. Gross

**Grace College** (*Awards presented in Awards Chapel on April 30.*)

**Alpha Chi Awards:** Scott Abshagen, Mariana Azcarate Marcial, Erica Bare, Heather Brader, Megan Brooker, Ryan Combs, Carolyn Crafton, Carolyn Dann, Cheryl Dann-Barrick, Jaimie Herring, Nicole Hills, Kathryn Joachim, Timothy Keaton, Hannah Marshall, Angela McClure, Melanie Moser, Candace Okupski, Erika Pappas, Elise Rabatin, Valerie Ritta, Natalie Rummel, Stephanie Scholes, Esther Shaver, Mary Shinaberry, Erin Slater, Bethany Stanfill, Megan Stanton, Cody Yerger, Emily G. Zimmerman

**Greatest Contribution to Campus Life:** Ashley House, Sarah Humbert

**Dean of Students Award:** Micah Heckert, Erin Slater

**Award in Biblical Studies:** Lucas Brader

**Youth Ministry Student Award:** Jenny Potts

**English Department Award:** Emily Thomas

**Journalism Award:** Natalie Rummel

**Foreign Languages and Cultures:** Stephanie Scholes, Esther Shaver, Mary Shinaberry

**Communication Student Leader:** Abigail Nishimoto, Bailey Standish

**Drama Talent Award:** Sarah Humbert, David Lepor

**Outstanding Student Award in Physical Education:** Bryan Brumbaugh

**Outstanding Student Award in Sport**

**Management:** Jessica Diaz-Helble

**Franchino Memorial Cheerleading Scholarship:** Lindsey Bruner

**Glenn C. Messner Award:** Michael Jennys

**Yvonne Messner Award:** Kristin Hawkins

**NAIA Champions of Character Award:** Ashley House, Michael Wienhorst, Natalie Rummel, Jonathan Allan, Amy Kuhl, Lucas Brader, Ben

LaBorde, Melanie Moser, Joel Herschberger, Angela McClure, Erica Bare, Alex Schemmer, Mary MacLeod, Josh McGuire

**National College Athlete Honor Society:** *First*

*Year*—Mary MacLeod, David Swanson, Christopher Burdette, Amy Misak, Jessica Stolle, Kyle Plumlee, Laura Burns, Brianna Flanagan, Kyle Alcorn, Virginia Myers, Aleah Smith, Autumn Weaver, Sara Morgan, Zachary Prairie, Lindsay Anderson. *Second Year*—Samuel Roth, Ryan Combs, Scott Abshagen, Natalie Rummel, Melanie Moser, Angela McClure, Erica Bare, Amy Kuhl, Lucas Brader, Charles Johnson

**Outstanding Prospective Teacher Honorable**

**Mention:** Rebekah Taylor, Bethany Hay, Michelle Shepherd, Jennifer Roseler, Betsey Rumley, Karly Arens, Stacie Fay, Sarah Mentzer

**Outstanding Prospective Teacher Award:** Megan Stanton, Neena Kishan, Stephanie Scholes, Erika Pappas

**Indiana Reading Professor's Outstanding Future**

**Reading Teacher:** Megan Stanton

**Grace College Norman Uphouse Teacher Ed.**

**Memorial Award:** Tony Burkholder

**Henry Memorial Award:** Alison Spahr

**Outstanding Accounting Student:** Emily Zimmerman

**William P. Gordon Excellence in Business:**

Hannah Marshall

**Senior Math Award:** Graham Blatz, Tim Keaton

**Music Department Award:** Erika Pappas

**History Award:** Philip Webb

**Social Studies Award:** Betsey Rumley

**First Year Biology Award:** Hannah Harmsen

**Outstanding Biology Award:** Scott Abshagen, Ryan Combs, Candace Okupski, Cody Yerger

**First Year Chemistry Award:** Hannah Harmsen

**Second Year Chemistry Award:** Jeremy Maurer

**Student Service Merit Award:** Ainsley Dando, Heather Storey

**Student Affairs Merit Award:** Melissa Jones

**Ambassador of the Year Award:** Alisha Miller

**Who's Who:** Scott Abshagen, Karly Arens, Alexandra Bisesi, Heather Brader, Lucas Brader, Cheryl Dann-Barrick, John Gray, Ashley House, Kathryn Joachim, Timothy Keaton, Angela McClure, Sarah Mentzer, Melanie Moser, Erika Pappas, Jenny Potts, Elise Rabatin, Elizabeth Rumley, Natalie Rummel, Mary Shinaberry, Erin Slater, Bethany Stanfill, Megan Stanton, Lindsey Strader, Peter Yaggi, Emily Zimmerman



# Employees Honored for Service to Grace

Twenty-four Grace employees were honored for their years of service to the college and seminary at the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on May 14 at Westminster Hall. Employees receiving service awards were:

## Five years

Scott Blum, *Assistant Professor of Sport Management and Women's Basketball Coach*; Tom Caron, *HVAC Technician*; Melissa Chappell, *Payroll Coordinator*; Justin Hayes, *Pressman*; Sandy Ide, *Student Accounts Manager*; Dr. Patrick Kavanaugh, *Dean, School of Music*; Dr. Mark Norris, *Chair, Department of History and Social Studies*.

## 10 years

Josh Bailey, *Controller and Men's Baseball Coach*; John Boal, *Chief Advancement Officer*; Rebecca Coleman, *Coordinator, Social Work Field Experience*; Glenn Goldsmith, *Assistant Director of Campus Safety and Off-Campus Coordinator*; Sina Locke, *Executive Assistant for the Vice President of Student Affairs and Academic*

*Services*; Tom Tupps, *Supervisor, Environmental Services*; Mike Yocum, *Associate Professor of Communication*.

## 15 years

Jay Enck, *Electrician*; Tim Hood, *HVAC-R Specialist*; Deonda Jones, *Programmer/Analyst*; Deb Musser, *Assistant Professor of Counseling*; Collette Olson, *Human Resources Assistant*; Dr. Jim Swanson, *Vice President of Student Affairs and Academic Services*; Peggy Underwood, *Director, The Learning Center*; Carol Vosberg, *Administrative Assistant, Department of Teacher Education and Part-Time Instructor of Education*.

## 20 years

Leana Allison, *Campus Post Office Supervisor*; Dr. Roger Peugh, *Professor of World Mission*.



Front, left to right: Tom Caron, Peggy Underwood, Mike Yocum, Tom Tupps, Sina Locke, Melissa Chappell, Deonda Jones, Carol Vosberg, Sandy Ide, Tim Hood. Back: Josh Bailey, Glenn Goldsmith, Justin Hayes, Collette Olson, Dr. Roger Peugh, John Boal, Scott Blum, Dr. Jim Swanson, Dr. Mark Norris. Not pictured: Dr. Patrick Kavanaugh, Rebecca Coleman, Jay Enck, Deb Musser, and Leana Allison.

## Sisson Named New Dean of Admissions



Grace College and Seminary has named Cindy Sisson its new Dean of Admissions. Sisson has served in higher

education for 22 years in admissions, student recruitment, retention, student services, and classroom instruction. Prior to being named dean of admissions, she was director of graduate and adult enrollment at Grace. She also has served as director of graduate counseling recruitment, adjunct instructor of behavioral sciences and psychology, retention director, and admissions counselor at Grace. In addition, she has been an adjunct instructor of psychology at Ivy Tech Community College.

"Grace College played a significant role in shaping my values, teaching me skills for the workplace, and developing in me an attitude of community," says Sisson. "I am very excited about the opportunity to help young adults in the admissions process as they consider Grace. I believe that Grace continues its rich tradition of preparing students by applying biblical values to strengthen character, sharpen competence, and prepare for service."

Sisson earned her B.A. degree in psychology and Christian ministries at Grace College in 1977 and M.A. in counseling and personnel from Western Michigan University in 1981. She and her husband, Barry (BS 81, S 80), have three children: Adam, Sarah, and Elizabeth, who is currently a student at Grace College.

# From the Athletic Department

## Senior Eric Gaff Named NAIA and NCCAA All-American

Eric Gaff, 6-foot-10-inch senior from Elkhart, Ind., was named as a 1st Team NAIA All-American and 1st Team NCCAA All-American performer to go with his 2009 NAIA All-Tournament selection. Gaff led the Grace College Lancers to their third straight 20-win season and an 11-5 finish in the Mid-Central College Conference.

Eric led the country in rebounds throughout the entire season (12.2) and double-doubles (24) while averaging 21.0 points per game. Grace finished its season in its second straight showing in the NAIA National Tournament's "elite eight" round before being eliminated by #5 seeded Black Hills State (S.D.).

"It has been fun to watch Eric develop as a basketball player," said head coach Jim Kessler. "He was a gangly kid with a lot of potential coming out of Concord High School, and he has worked hard to make himself a great player. To be honored as a 1st team NAIA and NCCAA All-American is a great honor for Eric and Grace College."

The Lancer's big man was also a 1st Team selection in the Mid-Central College Conference this year after a 2nd Team selection as a junior. Eric finishes his career 10th on the all-time scoring list with 1,912 points and second on the all-time rebounding list with 1,219. He is only the seventh player to record over 1,000 points and rebounds in a career. Gaff is the Lancer's first All-American 1st Team selection since Matt Abernethy in 2003.

## Track Earns NCCAA All-American Honors

Junior Nikki Burau was named NCCAA All-American for the individual 100 and 200 meter dash. Nikki is coming off one of the best overall individual performances in recent years. She competed at the NAIA Indoor Track Championships, becoming only the second female to ever qualify for the prestigious event. She finished second in the 100 meter dash and fourth in the 200 at the MCC Championships this spring. Junior Erica Bare, junior Mary MacLeod, and junior Amy Misak were each named NCCAA All Scholar Athletes. On the men's side, junior Charles Johnson and sophomore Samuel

Roth were also named to the NCCAA All Scholar Athletes.

Head coach Neal Butler said, "It is great to see them [student-athletes] honored for their work ethic on the track and in the classroom."

## Grace Athletic Director Named NCCAA Division I Midwest Regional Chair

Grace College Athletic Director Chad Briscoe has been elected as the NCCAA Division I Midwest Regional chair. The election took place during the NCCAA National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., this spring. Briscoe will serve as the regional chair for three years and will oversee all the Midwest region teams and administer all the duties set forth by the NCCAA. He will oversee all NCCAA Midwest Region play and will work alongside coaches to set dates for region play throughout the year. He will also represent the Midwest region during the NCCAA National Convention meetings for the next three years.

"I am honored to serve as the NCCAA Midwest Region chair," said Briscoe. "I



Eric Gaff



Nikki Burau, foreground.



# News to Know

look forward to serving the institutions in our region and hope this position will continue to allow Grace College to be recognized on a national level.”

## Softball Program Receives Field Upgrades

The softball field at Miller complex has undergone exciting changes this spring. A gift from an anonymous donor this past winter has enhanced the softball experience at Grace College. The gift was given in honor of the late athletic director and head softball coach, Phil Dick (BA 65). A new scoreboard is in place with a panel to honor Coach Dick, along with a new press box that was completed this spring as well. The press box will also have a small team clubhouse that will be used for locker room purposes and extra storage. Additional funds will be used for tubing on the outfield fence and a new sound system to improve the game day experience. “The alumni donor gift has been a blessing, not only to the softball program, but to the entire Grace College campus,” said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. “The upgrades will always serve as a reminder of the legacy Coach Phil Dick left on the Athletic Department and student-athletes at Grace College.”



A paper written by **Dr. Tom Stallter**, professor of intercultural studies at Grace Seminary, has been selected for presentation at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Missiological Society. The meeting will be held September 17-19 in Orlando, Fla. The title of Dr. Stallter's paper is: “Ethical Challenges for U.S. Expatriates in the Use of Cognitive Intelligence for Problem Solving in a Second Culture.” The Evangelical Missiological Society is a professional society with 400+ members comprised of missiologists, mission administrators, teachers, pastors with strategic missiological interests, and students of missiology.

The Kosciusko County (Ind.) Literacy Services recently held a Mark Twain essay competition as part of the National Endowment for the Arts. **Dr. Don DeYoung's** essay, “Tom Sawyer Visits Indiana,” won the contest. Dr. DeYoung is professor of physics at Grace College, and the essay is posted on his Web site at [discoveryofdesign.com](http://discoveryofdesign.com).

Grace College Cross Country/Track and Field **Coach Neal Butler** was selected to attend one of only two USATF/USOC (United States Track & Field/United States Olympic Committee) Emerging Elite Coaches Men's and Women's Track and Field Camps. Butler attended the camp for running events July 27—August 1, held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Cal. He was one of only 10 coaches selected nationwide to participate. The camp is designed to inspire and aid the education of current elite high school, club, and college coaches toward being among the nation's finest developers of individuals to Olympic Games/World Championship medalist levels.

Now in its 12th year, the **Grace Theological Seminary Korean Student program** continues to grow and spread its influence around the world. Two years ago, the Grace Korean Program opened the GTS Center for Korean Studies. Now with coordinators and partnership directors in 16 countries, Korean students come from many places.

This year, 45 students came from places such as Tanzania, Kenya, Australia, Israel, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, and other locations. Groups from Korea and Los Angeles also joined the classes. These conservative evangelicals are mostly missionaries seeking further training in missiology and intercultural studies at the master's and doctoral level for a more relevant ministry in their second culture. Per capita, Korea sends more evangelical missionaries to other countries than the U.S. There are now some 20,000 Korean missionaries all around the world, and most of them went out in the 80s and 90s without adequate training in intercultural issues.

In May, 35 of them went out into the Warsaw-Winona Lake area in groups to practice cross-cultural observations of non-verbal communication for their intercultural communication course. They felt accepted by our community in such places as Wal-Mart, Lowe's, The Village at Winona, Sears, and McDonalds. They enjoy America and the Grace campus, but are eager students, looking to gain cross-cultural skills to help them in their missionary work as they head back to the countries where they serve.

# Alumnotes

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

## DOWN THE AISLE

2000



Jason Horning and **Angela McClure** (BS 08): March 7, 2009. Lancaster PA.



myers@yahoo.com and myersjm@hotmail.com

**John Myers** (C 01) and **Kellie Bradish** (BA 01): April 4, 2009. Winona Lake IN. kellie\_



Andrew Nunnenkamp and **Sarah Hadley** (BS 05): January 17, 2009. Henderson NE. saharaley@hotmail.com



**Amos Orr** (BS 08) and Chelsey Hathaway: December 20, 2008. Lake Charles LA.



Brian Smith and **Anna Gingery** (BS 07): August 30, 2008. Virginia Beach VA.



**Aaron Turner** (BS 06) and **Abby Shafer** (BS 08): August 2, 2008. turneran@live.com and turnerar@live.com

**Blake Shook** (BS 03) and Amanda Mason: July 19, 2008. Keller TX. shookbm@yahoo.com

## FUTURE ALUMNI

1990s



Hope (10), Sarah (9) and David (7) in Hurst TX. nellieskids@gmail.com and arendseadventures.blogspot.com

**Lorimer** (BS 96) and **Jeanelle (Cary BS 97) Arendse:** Kathryn, May 23, 2007. Kathryn joins



Jeff and **Dana (Rhodes BS 98) Benson:** Eli Matthew, April 8, 2008. Eli joins Audrey (2) in Aurora IL. danaamor@gmail.com



Jim and **Mary Ann (Pennell BS 95) Haffly:** Raymond Donald, June 23, 2008. Alexandria VA. m.haffly@cox.net



**Jarrod** (S 11) and **Jenny (Kessler BS 99, MASM 01) Lovette:** Jada Louise, April 4, 2009. Winona Lake IN. jenny\_kessler@yahoo.com

Hector and **Deana (Johnson C 94) Ochoa:** Samuel Hector, April 1, 2009. Samuel joins Jeremiah (14), Alicia (9) and Zachariah (3) at home in Pierceton IN. dochoa1971@yahoo.com



Steve and **Julie (Clark BS 93) Scott:** Esther Rose, February 19, 2009. Esther joins Abigail (4½) and Naomi (2½) in Cedar Rapids IA. steveandjuliescott@juno.com

2000s



**Matt** (BS 03) and **Brittney (Raber BA 04) Abernethy:** Addison Leigh, December 23, 2008. Warsaw IN.



Bryan and **Melissa (Martin BS 02) Blaker:** Anickah Sela, July 17, 2008. Gainesville FL.



**Jeremy** (BA 03) and **Terra (Griffey BS 03) Bury:** Hannah Elise, July 2, 2008. Hannah joins Emma (3) in Marysville

OH. tgchild3@yahoo.com



Josh and **Mandy (Travis BS 03) Dunn:** Addison Grace, July 10, 2008. Reynoldsburg OH. mandy.dunn@gcsblacklick.org





**Zach** (BA 07) and **Amy Evans:** Mackenzie Ann, May 15, 2009. Winona Lake IN.



**Greg** (BS 03) and **Shannon Foote:** Kallie Renee, April 27, 2008. Kallie joins Lucas (2½) in Ashland OH.



Daniel and **Michelle** (Garver BS 05) **Hernly:** Evan Daniel, October 27, 2008. Newburgh IN. michelle.hernly@hotmail.com



**Joshua** (BS 03) and **Tara** (Turza BS 03) **Jones:** Addison Emily, December 2, 2008. Addison joins Josiah (3½) and Eli (1½) in Winchester VA. jtjones55@yahoo.com



**Stuart** (BS 04) and **Abby** (Hillier BS 06) **Krynock:** Ella Marie Krynock, February 14, 2009. Plymouth IN.



Scott and **Cindy** (Armstrong BS 02) **Mason:** Nathaniel Scott, February 10, 2009. Leesburg IN. cynthia\_joy@yahoo.com



**Dan** (BS 00) and **Lindsey** (Turner BS 05) **Miller:** Zaiden Lee Miller, May 6, 2009. Warsaw IN.



**Jared** (BS 03) and **Lesley** (Daniels BS 03) **Placeway:** Anna Grace, May 29, 2009. Wheeling IL. jlplaceway@yahoo.com



Nathan and **Suzanne** (Peters C 00) **Ryerson:** Tessa Jane, September 6, 2008. Tessa joins Thomas (3½) and Meg (2) in West Milton OH. nateandsuz@yahoo.com



**Jacob** (BS 03) and **Jenny** (Hocking BA 03) **Smith:** Joash David Ngia, April 12, 2009. Joash joins Josiah (2) in Naches WA. duckyjen@gmail.com

## CLASS NOTES

### 1950s

At 91 years of age, **Herman Hein** (AA 51, BTH 54) is still reaching people for the Lord. Years ago, he had to leave pulpit ministry because of hearing loss. He was still able to do pulpit supply for a few years until health issues forced him to stop. Herman began to feel useless until God spoke to him about a service that he could do in spite of his health. Herman has a talent for woodworking and began to craft small items. When he and wife Luella go shopping or to appointments, Herman takes along items that he has made to give to people he meets. They receive a hand-crafted gift, a gospel tract and Herman's personal testimony. In the past few years, four women have shared that they received Christ through Herman's witness. At one medical clinic, he witnessed to a woman every time he had an appointment. The woman died, but a co-worker told Herman she had received Christ shortly before her death. Herman wants to encourage others to share Christ through whatever gift they have and to "keep on keeping on." Cedar Rapids IA

### 1960s

**Pastor Ron McDugle** (BD 68) concluded 38 years of ministry on May 31 at the First Baptist Church

of Danville IN. The church honored Ron and wife with a good-spirited roast, then with tributes during two Sunday morning services and an open house. The church also gave the couple a quilt and a trip to Greece. Ron's oldest son, Jon, joined his father last July in a transitional role and then took the reins of pastoral leadership on May 31. Ron McDugle looks forward to serving God by filling pulpits as an interim pastor.

### 1970s

**Aileen Jean Barness** (MAMis 79) received her doctor of ministry degree from Trinity International University in 1990. She is co-founder of CrossTraining Global, a one-year program geared to prepare workers to cross cultures. Jean also teaches as an adjunct faculty member at Millar College of the Bible in Pambrun SK, Canada. She lives with husband Alton in Calgary AB, Canada. ajbarness@shaw.ca

On April 26, 2009, **Linda Franks** (BS 74) returned to New York harbor after a 105-day world cruise. She traveled with her sisters to Mexico, Panama, Hawaii, Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand, New Guinea, Saipan, Australia, Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, India, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Italy and Spain. The sisters cruised on the Queen Victoria until arriving at South Hampton, England, and then transferred to the Queen Mary II to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Linda shared her travels with students from Carden Elementary School in Surprise, AZ. She posted pictures on her Web site, lindafranks.webs.com, for students to track her travels. Linda lives in Peoria AZ. linda.franks@cox.net

**Jim Lauffer** (C 79) received his BA, magna cum laude, in English literature from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown PA. During his two years at UPJ, he worked as an editorial assistant for the *South Asian Review*, received the 2009 Humanities Poetry Award and was inducted into Sigma Tau Delta, an English honor society. Jim is employed by Mainline Newspapers, where he is responsible for the content of one of the company's five weekly newspapers. He is a member of Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church. jameslauffer@gmail.com

### 1980s

On May 9, 2009, **Stewart Bennett** (BS 87) received his doctorate in history and political science from the University of Maine. He has accepted a position as the department chair of the Social Sciences Department at Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain MS.

**Dr. James Bowley** (BA 84) has been promoted to professor of religious studies at Millsaps College, Jackson MS. He obtained his master's and doctorate degrees from Hebrew Union College. Dr. Bowley and wife **Bonnie** (Epps AS 85) live in Jackson with children Spencer (20), Karissa (16), Austin (13) and Sophia (9).



**Todd Davis** (BA 87), professor of English at Penn State University's Altoona (PA) College, presented a poetry reading in April at Goshen College (IN) and also taught a poetry writing workshop class there in May. Davis is a winner of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Prize. He teaches creative writing, environmental studies and American literature. His poems have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and have appeared in numerous journals and magazines. He received his master's and doctorate degrees in English from Northern Illinois University. He is the author of three books of poetry, *The Least of These* (Michigan State University Press, forthcoming), *Some Heaven* (Michigan State University Press, 2007) and *Ripe* (Bottom Dog Press, 2002). He is co-editor of *Making Poems: 40 Poems with Commentary by the Poets* (State University of New York Press, forthcoming) and author/editor of six scholarly books. His poems have also been featured on the radio by Garrison Keillor on "The Writer's Almanac" and by Marion Roach on "The Naturalist's Datebook," as well as by Ted Kooser in his column "American Life in Poetry."

**Dr. Randall A. Grove** (BS 85) is currently the assistant superintendent of the Eastern Lebanon County School (ELCO) District. Dr. Grove completed his doctorate of education in May 2009 from The Pennsylvania State University. He has worked at the ELCO School District since 1988 and has served as a high school music teacher, middle school assistant principal, and high school principal. Since January 2009 he has been working in the district office as assistant superintendent. He earned his master's degree in music education from West Chester University and his administrative certificates from PSU. Randy, wife Connie and son Christopher live in Womelsdorf PA. Randy would love to hear from his friends from Grace College at [rgrove@elcosd.org](mailto:rgrove@elcosd.org).

**Chuck Queen** (MDiv 86) is the author of the book, *The Good News According to Jesus: A New Kind of Christianity for a New Kind of Christian*, published by Smith and Helwys. He believes that the time has come for evangelicals to rethink their faith. Chuck contends that many evangelicals grew up with a Christianity centered mostly on the teachings of Paul, and that when one broadens the study of Jesus, the result is a richer, deeper, healthier, more relevant and holistic gospel. [www.helwys.com](http://www.helwys.com).

**Mary Ann Steffy** (MABC 83), a career missionary to Ireland, arrived in the States in January for a six-month stay required by the Social Security Administration. During this stay, Mary Ann has visited family, friends, churches and supporters. She also taught a one-week course at Columbia International University on spiritual mentoring. People from around the world attended the class—military chaplains, Asian pastors, European counselors and pastors from across America. She was also involved in teaching at some of her supporting churches. She asks for your prayers as she returns to Ireland this summer. [maryannsteffy1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryannsteffy1@yahoo.co.uk)

## 1990s

In March, **Lorimer Arendse** (BS 96) was named principal at Brewer High School in White Settlement TX. Two years prior to this assignment, he served as the associate principal at Grapevine (TX) High School. Lorimer, wife **Jeanelle** (Cary BS 97), and children Hope (10), Sarah (9), David (7) and Kathryn (2) live in Hurst TX. [nellieskids@gmail.com](mailto:nellieskids@gmail.com) and [arendseadventures.blogspot.com](http://arendseadventures.blogspot.com)

**Tim** (BA 94) and **Jennifer** (Cernalic BS 92) **Bickel** have relocated from Wisconsin to Greenville SC with son Nathan (6). Tim is in the process of establishing a southern office for his employer, CSD, a Milwaukee-based structural engineering firm. Jennifer paints under the professional name of Marie Scott. The Web site for viewing her vibrant oil paintings is [www.mariescottstudios.com](http://www.mariescottstudios.com). Nathan is starting first grade this fall and is an avid reader.

In April, **Eric Criss** (BS 99) was named the director of instrumental music at NorthWood High School, Nappanee IN. He previously directed bands at Columbia City (IN) High School and Peebles (OH) High School. Eric earned a master's of education in music from Ball State University. He and wife **Rochelle** (Sprunger BA 97) have three children: Graham (8), Grant (3½) and Ainsley (1).



**Jason Knavel** (BS 97) is the assistant athletic director for athletic communications at Bowling Green State

University. Wife **Beth** (Mikel BA 00) is a stay-at-home mom to Aubrey (4½) and Braden (3). The Knavel family resides in Bowling Green OH.

**Sharyn Kopf** (C 93) moved from Colorado to Ohio in 2006. In fall 2007, she began writing for the public relations/marketing department of Cedarville University. In her spare time she is working on a novel, writing non-fiction and has started a drama team in her church. This summer she will take the stage in a community theatre production of *The Music Man*. Springfield OH. [shari2t17@gmail.com](mailto:shari2t17@gmail.com)

**Brant Leidy** (MDiv 97) served the Martinsburg (PA) Grace Brethren Church for 15 years as the children's and Christian education pastor. In May he began a new position, children and parents pastor, at Community Grace Brethren Church, Everett PA. [brantleidy@atlanticbb.net](mailto:brantleidy@atlanticbb.net)

## 2000s

**Annalisa Benner** (BS 04) has been appointed to the Associate Program of New Tribes Mission and plans to serve as a home school consultant through Grace International School in Chiang Mai,

Thailand. She would appreciate your prayers and correspondence. [annalisa\\_benner@ntm.org](mailto:annalisa_benner@ntm.org) or [annalisarose82@yahoo.com](mailto:annalisarose82@yahoo.com)

**Jeremy Bury** (BA 03) serves as the worship pastor at the Grace Brethren Church in Marysville OH. Wife **Terra** (Griffey BS 03) teaches piano lessons and is at home with Emma (3) and Hannah (1). Marysville OH [tgchild3@yahoo.com](mailto:tgchild3@yahoo.com)

**Andy Cross** (BS 08) is the marketing and design coordinator at Arendt's Outdoor Services (AOS). He designs marketing advertisement and creates landscaping images of properties for potential clients. [ascross21@yahoo.com](mailto:ascross21@yahoo.com)

**Angela** (McClure BS 08) **Horning** works as a graphic artist for a tour company. She lives in Lancaster PA with husband Jason.

**Josh Lowe** (BS 05) is working at Purdue University doing design for their convocations (performing arts, concerts, plays, etc.). Wife **Sarah** (Pratt BA 04) does freelance illustration and portraits from her home. The Lowes reside in Lafayette IN. [joshuaandsarah@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaandsarah@gmail.com) and [www.sarahlowe-portraits.com](http://www.sarahlowe-portraits.com)



**Matt** (BS 02) and **Kat** (Mutchler BS 02) **Mason** have moved from Lititz PA to their new home in Lancaster PA.

Matt is working at Lancaster Bible College as the assistant director of finance. Kat states that she "has the awesome opportunity of staying home with Kyla (4½) and Eliza (3)." [mnkmason@hotmail.com](mailto:mnkmason@hotmail.com)

**Matt Moore** (BS 02) is the new head coach for the Mount Vernon Nazarene University men's basketball team. Matt spent the last four years as the top assistant coach at Grace College. During his time with the Lancers, the program posted a 95-44 record and made back-to-back trips to the Elite Eight in the NAIA National Tournament in 2008 and 2009. The team posted three consecutive 20-win seasons during that span and finished as the National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament runner-up twice in 2003 and 2007. Matt received a master's degree in physical education from Ball State University. He and wife **Anna** (Metz BS 07) were married in 2007.

**Rachel Neff** (BS 08) works at Wilderness Way Camp School, a program for troubled teen girls in South Carolina. This Christian camp gives young women the opportunity to turn their lives around, grow and change. Rachel works with the girls 24 hours a day, five days a week and then has two days off. She states, "It has been really good so far, hard, but really challenging. God has been teaching me a lot! This is where I am right now and loving it!" [rachel.neff@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.neff@gmail.com)

Getting to Know...

## Dr. Tim Sanborn

*Professor of Music*

by Judy Daniels



Early in his life, Dr. Tim Sanborn learned the impact of a teacher's influence. "I was a grade school student when my father was a high school choral director," he says. "I grew up seeing students love my dad, and even though he worked tremendously hard, I covered the significance he held in the lives of those kids. In fact, at Dad's memorial service last April, there was a long line of former students paying him honor for the influence God allowed him to have in their lives."

Sanborn grew up outside Detroit, Michigan, the youngest of four children. Both of his parents were teachers, and he says the profession was "something I always wanted to do." His parents influenced his spiritual life as well. "I was raised to follow Christ and therefore accepted the Lord very early," he says. "But I was 17 before I began to take things more seriously and matured into a deeper relationship."

Sanborn earned a bachelor's degree in music from Baylor University in 1984,

and a master's in music from the University of Michigan in 1986. In 1987, he married Ruth Yeager (BS 87), who was then a student at Grace College. Ruth now serves Grace as office manager of the Student

Health Center. The couple has two sons, Benjamin (17) and Michael (14). "Both boys love music," says Sanborn, "but don't usually listen to what I listen to!"

Sanborn's career path has included teaching at Howard Payne University, Western Michigan University, Hope College, Cornerstone University, and Liberty University, plus graduate school teaching, orchestra positions, and other performance opportunities. He completed a doctorate in music at Indiana University in 2000.

The Lord led him to Grace through another musician, Tim Zimmerman, director of The King's Brass. Zimmerman was Music Department chair at Grace College for 12 years and also led the Grace Brass.

"I was teaching at Howard Payne University... in Central Texas," Sanborn says. "I led a brass group and went to perform with Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass in Dallas in February 2001. Shortly after, Tim recruited me to replace

him at Grace, we moved here in June 2001, and I started teaching that fall."

When asked what he enjoys most about his work, Sanborn replies, "By far the chance to interact with students, and to hopefully be influential in a positive way in their lives. My students do me great honor in so many ways; the Grace Brass members surprised our family numerous times this past spring with meals and encouragement during a very difficult period in our personal lives."

That difficult time, as he explains, included "a close friend with a brain tumor, my father's death in April, my boys both having cancer surgery in March, and my mother's illness. During all those times, God showed Himself faithful...the outpouring of God's love in tangible ways from our Grace College family was a truly amazing thing that spoke so much to Ruth and me, and we can't express our gratitude enough."

Beyond campus, Sanborn's desire to be a positive influence is also evident. "I try to treat many of my outside activities as ministries—my summer work or the playing I do at Wagon Wheel Theater," he says. "We attend First Baptist Church, and I've been involved in numerous ways—teaching adult classes and small groups, working with Jr. High youth, or directing the VBS/music camp this past summer."

Knowing the impact of a teacher's influence has been a continuing theme in Dr. Tim Sanborn's life. His goal "to hopefully be influential in a positive way" continues as a new school year begins soon.

**Chayse** (BS 07) and **Jenifer** (**Martin** BS 07) **Slovinski** have relocated from South Bend IN to Louisville KY.

In May 2009, **Aaron Turner** (BS 06) graduated from Indiana University with a doctorate of physical therapy. Aaron and wife **Abby** (**Shafer** BS 08) live in Warsaw IN. [turneran@live.com](mailto:turneran@live.com) and [turnerar@live.com](mailto:turnerar@live.com)

**Cole Thomas Westwood** (MATS 02) was recently awarded a doctorate in theology and religious studies by the University of Wales, Bangor, in the United Kingdom. His dissertation, entitled "Lord's on Leashes: A Historical, Lexical, Theological, and Practical Evaluation of the Dominion Mandate" demonstrates that the command to rule and subdue in Genesis 1:26-28 not only does not encourage environmental abuse, but instead

encourages careful human relations with the rest of the created order under the overarching dominion of God. Cole and wife Lora live in Livonia MI with their five children. Cole is the lead pastor of Covenant Community Church in Redford MI.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. John Balyo** (DipTh 44, MDiv 46), former president of Corban College (OR) from 1983-1991, died April 18, 2009, at the age of 89. He and his wife Betty were both active in college life, and he served as chancellor and president emeritus until his death. Before coming to Corban (formerly Western Baptist College), Balyo studied law. After graduating from Grace Seminary, he pastored churches in Indiana and Ohio. He also taught at two sister-schools of Western Baptist College. Betty and their son, Mike, were at his bedside and witnessed his homegoing.

**Pastor Donald Bowlin** (C 76, DIPL 74) passed away on June 13, 2009, at the age of 73. A graduate of Prairie Bible Institute, Alberta Canada and Grace Theological Seminary, he pastored Grace Brethren churches in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Iowa, New Mexico and California for 33 years. In retirement, he ministered as chaplain at Ramona Manor Nursing Home in Hemet CA for three years. Don enjoyed teaching the Word, golfing, bowling and spending time with family and friends. Don is survived by wife Glenna, son Steven and wife Mildred, son Philip and wife Sarai, and three grandchildren.

**Reverend Alva "Al" Dennis Buhler** (BA 61, S 63) died April 30, 2009, at the age of 75. In the 1950s, Al served in the pastorate and as a chaplain's assistant for the U.S. Army. His education included Briercrest Bible Institute, Lancaster Bible College, Pennsylvania Franklin & Marshall College, Grace College, Grace Theological Seminary and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Al served as the field representative under Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern Pennsylvania for Philadelphia County (1964-1966) and was the missionary executive director of Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries (IN) from 1966-1998. From 1998 until his death, he was media director and director-emeritus of Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries. Al is survived by wife Norma, son **Robert** (BA 87) and wife Sharla, daughter **Beth Ann** (BME 80) and husband Phillip Crompton, daughter **Kristen** (BS 05) and husband **Troy Seyfert** (BS 05) and six grandchildren. Memorials to Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries, Winona Lake IN or to Pleasant View Bible Church, Warsaw IN.

**Ruth Burns** passed away on May 21, 2009, at the age of 84. She served alongside her husband, **Ralph** (AA 50, CEDip 52), as a pastor's wife for 40 years in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Indiana. She was a homemaker and a member of the Winona Lake (IN) Grace Brethren Church. Ruth is survived by Ralph, who resides at Grace Village,

## Alumni Return to Campus to Celebrate Birthdays

Five alumni from the early 1990s returned to the Grace campus on June 9 to celebrate their birthdays together. The five, Jorie (DeYoung, BS 91) Bail, Jodi (Dilling, BS 91) Clingenpeel, Rose (McKeever, BS 92) Dillman, Shelley Jo (Nylund, BS 91) Moyer, and Becky (Taylor, BA 91) Wilson, met on the second floor of Alpha Hall, where they had lived as students and grown close as friends.

Shelley Moyer made the arrangements for the reunion to bring her classmates together to commemorate the "milestone" birthday that each

one will celebrate this year. Two came from as far away as Minnesota and Virginia, while the others were from Indiana. The ladies met at Alpha to watch a DVD of photos from their time at Grace and to tour their old dorm rooms. They saw the campus, ate lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant in Winona Lake, and later enjoyed a get-together with their families at Winona Lake Park.

"It was an amazing time," said Becky Wilson. And the smiles and laughter among the group that day were evidence of her statement.



*Pictured in front of Alpha are (left to right): Jodi Clingenpeel, Becky Wilson, Jorie Bail, Shelley Moyer, and Rose Dillman.*





Winona Lake IN, son **Ron** (C 73) and wife **Krista** (Neiderhouser-Streeter BS 88), daughter Rebecca and husband **Dan** (BS 76) **Gehrke**, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Memorials to Lakeland Child Evangelism

Ministries, Winona Lake IN.

**Garth Dalmain "Dal" Congdon** (MDiv 53) died April 6, 2009, at the age of 83. During World War II, he served in the Navy, trained as a medic and cared for wounded soldiers. His experiences led him to dedicate himself to serving others. He graduated from Bryan College (TN) and Grace Theological Seminary and pastored churches in Indiana. From 1960 to 1981 he served as a missionary in South Africa with the Evangelical Alliance Mission. During that time he was also a teacher and principal at Union Bible Institute and served as field chairman. Upon returning to the US, he was involved in counseling to minorities in Carol Stream IL, worked for Tyndale House Publishers, earned a doctorate from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and counseled war veterans. He is survived by wife **Audrey** (Byers BCE 54), son David, and daughter Deborah DeNicolantonio.

**Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel** (MDiv 53, DD 00) passed away on June 18, 2009. Dr. Gangel, one of the most influential Christian educators of the 20th century, authored or edited 57 books and lectured in more than 40 educational institutions worldwide. He served Dallas Theological Seminary in several capacities from 1982-2009, and in retirement, was scholar-in-residence for Toccoa Falls (GA) College and continued to edit his own leadership publication, "Seeking Excellence in Administrative Leadership (SEAL). Recently he was appointed *Senior Fellow* of the Association for Biblical Higher Education. He was described as "a leader of leaders and a champion of the Christian family." He is survived by wife Betty, son Jeff and wife Beth, daughter Julie and husband Tim, and four grandchildren.

**Autumn Jean Gross** (BS 04) died in an auto accident on May 2, 2009, at age 27. Autumn worked as a developmental therapist at Toddler's Choice in Elkhart and Kosciusko counties in Indiana. She attended the Missionary Baptist Church, Warsaw IN. Autumn is survived by parents Roger and Janet Gross, brother Allen and wife Grace, sister Amanda and husband Ricky Huffman, and grandparents Martha Cordle and Fay Gross.

**Angela Rachel Hopewell** (C 08) of Fort Wayne IN, died on May 23, 2009, at the age of 21. Angela means "bringing of glad tidings" and during her short life she brought joy and happiness to many. She attended Blackhawk Christian School, Grace College and Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne. She loved spending time with her family and friends and her smiling memory is cherished and loved by

those she touched. Angela is survived by parents Thomas and Jane Hopewell, brother Matthew Hopewell and grandparents William and Ruth Hopewell and Dorothy Bullock. Memorials to Baptist Children's Home, Valparaiso IN or A Hope Center, Fort Wayne.

**The Reverend Roy C. Johnson** (S 56) died September 19, 2008, at the age of 79. A graduate of Providence-Barrington Bible College (RI), he attended Grace Theological Seminary. Roy was associated with churches in Ballston Spa, Morristown, Tylerville, and Evans Mills, all in NY. An avid outdoorsman, he developed a literature ministry, "Outdoor Evangelism," and wrote a booklet for outdoorsmen, *Trap Line Ramblings*. Roy is survived by wife Carol, son David and wife Cindy, daughter Elaine and husband Scott Bodah, daughter Jeanne Durant, daughter Joanne and husband Raymond Chapman, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorials to "Share the Vision," First Baptist Church of the Thousand Islands, Clayton NY.

**Cora L. (Kerr BS 74) Kaser**, of Akron OH, passed away on March 30, 2009, after a lengthy illness. Cora worked as the business manager for Spitzer Autoworld prior to her retirement. She loved to sew and read and was a proud member of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) for 25 years. Cora was a huge fan of the Cleveland Indians and enjoyed watching their games. She is survived by husband Roger, father Ivan Kerr, Sr., sister Carolyn Phlieger, brother Dennis Kerr and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorials to the ABWA Akron Chapter Scholarship Fund, Cuyahoga Falls OH.

**Robert Alan "Rob" Loper** (C 83), of Winona Lake IN, died June 2, 2009, at the age of 47. From 1979 to 1996, he was maintenance director of Jellystone Park Campground and Resort and served as a substitute teacher at Wawasee Middle School from 2006-2009. Rob earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IN) and attended IUPUI Indianapolis (IN) in the master's program for history. He is survived by his father Bob Loper; sisters **Sandra** (BS 85) and husband Paul **Herzog**, Susan and husband Dirk Holcomb, Jennifer and husband Charlie Johnson, **Diane** (C 00) and husband Brian **Catron**, and brother Andy Loper. Memorials to the Rob Loper Memorial Fund, c/o Diane Catron, Warsaw IN.

**Dr. Daniel Joseph McCarthy, Jr.** (BCE 62, MRE 63) died on May 24, 2008, at the age of 78. Daniel attended Baldwin Wallace College and graduated as a doctor of podiatric medicine from The Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in 1951. He maintained practices in Indiana and Michigan from 1951-1973, and also earned degrees from Indiana University (MA), Grace Seminary, and the University of Windsor (PhD). Daniel taught at the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine and the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine from 1976 to 1980. He won awards in medical research, was an internationally renowned scholar in podi-

atric dermatology, and served as president of the American Podiatric Dermatological Association. He headed a Podiatric Section for the Baltimore Veteran's Administration Hospital, retiring in 1996. He is survived by sons Thomas, Tim, Daniel and David, and five grandchildren.

**Pastor Russell Sarver** (C 55, S58) passed away on May 15, 2009, at age 84. Russell was a licensed pastor, most recently for the Conservative Grace Brethren Churches International. Early in life, he was a realtor, a school teacher, a farmer, and town marshal of Claypool IN. He pastored the Grace Brethren Church of Hastings MI for many years, served as a nursing home chaplain, held Bible studies at the county jail, and witnessed through his literature ministry. He is survived by wife Alberta, children **Carol** (BS 70) and husband Phillip **Hill, Steven** (C 70) and wife Linda, **Bonnie** (BS 71) and husband Richard **Christner**, Sharon Yoder, Jerry and wife Linda, **Sandra** (C 77) and husband **Darrel** (BA 75) **Hawbaker**, Vickie and husband Edward Hoffman, **David** (C 86) and **Dawn** (C 86), 26 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

**Alvin F. Showalter** (DIPL 53) died March 17, 2008, at the age of 91. John served from 1941 to 1946 with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Grace Seminary. He spent his life as a missionary, serving in Israel for seven years and in South Africa for 34 years. He is survived by wife Nina, son David, daughter Sharon Parker, and four grandchildren. Memorials to Bradenton Missionary Village, Bradenton FL.

**Arthur (Art) Lee Willis II** (S 80) died on December 2, 2008, at the age of 59. A graduate of Goshen (IN) College, Art attended Grace Seminary. From 1977 to 1989 he served churches in Goshen IN, Fowler CO, Elkhart IN and Greeley CO, and owned an accounting/consulting firm, Colorado Business Services, in Greeley in 1990-2005. Art taught speech and music at Ordway (CO) Baptist Christian School and taught speech and spreadsheets to homeschoolers in Colorado. From 2005 to 2006, he tested clarinets for the Conn-Selmer woodwind plant in Elkhart. In 2006, he and wife Carol launched Woodside LLC, a technical writing business. He played clarinet with bands in Colorado and Indiana, and was a member of the Valentine City Barbershop Chorus. He is survived by wife Carol, daughter **Heather** (C 89) and husband Steve **Austin**, sons Tom and Paul, and seven grandchildren.

**The Reverend Merle E. Wood** (S 46) passed away on April 19, 2009, at the age of 90. He attended Multnomah College, Whitworth College, Grace Seminary and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served pastorates in Electric City WA, Clarkston WA and Yakima WA. Merle retired from the pastorate in 1982 and was the treasurer for Northwest Baptist Home Missions until 2000. He is survived by wife Helen, daughter Joyce Goodwin, sons Charles, David, Robert, and Bruce, 19 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

# Nostalgia Quiz

What unforgettable event is happening here?



This may bring back fond memories of higher education—or it may be the stuff of nightmares. Either way, tell us what traditional Grace event is taking place here (in two different decades) and you may win a great prize.

To be eligible to win, just call Judy Daniels at **800.54-GRACE, ext. 6401 (local, 372.5100, ext. 6401)** or e-mail **danielja@grace.edu**. Be sure to give your name and address with your answer – and remember: You don't have to be first to win. When all of our responses are in, we'll draw four winners, making sure they are from four different states and/or countries. As always, Grace employees and their spouses can guess, but sorry, no exciting prize.

What a great response to our spring Nostalgia Quiz! Thanks to all of you who called or e-mailed with your answer, which was nearly a giveaway. The easily-recognized guys in the photo were Dave Bogue (BS 80, S 82) and current Grace Professor Mike Yocum (BS 78). We were very impressed that so many people knew that the photo was taken during the production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.



Congratulations to our winners, who are: Christi Coldren Barlow (BS 85, S 89), Don Byers, Sandy Stephens Jackson (C 78), and Sharon Cooper Miller (BS 82).



## Visit Grace This Year!

Encourage young people you know to visit the Grace campus this year! Students can talk with professors, coaches, and admissions personnel, stay overnight in the dorm, attend chapel, meet current students, and see college life at Grace first-hand. There are two ways to visit Grace:

- 1. Schedule a Personal Visit Day**  
at a time that is convenient for the student and his/her parents.
- 2. Visit during Lancer Visit Days**,  
when Grace hosts groups of students and their parents.  
Upcoming visit days are:
  - 2009**
    - October 5–6
    - October 10 (Red and White Day–Athletics)
    - November 20
  - 2010**
    - January 18
    - February 5–6 (Presidential Scholarship Competition)
    - February 13 (Red and White Day–Athletics)
    - March 24
    - April 8

For more information, call the Grace College Visitor's Center toll-free at **866.974.7223** or e-mail **enroll@grace.edu**.

## COMING SOON!

**Fall 2009**

Grace College and Seminary Annual Report for 2009

**Winter 2009-2010**

Winter *Grace Magazine* with a new look.

Watch for these publications to keep current with news and stories from the Grace campus.

# The William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development

**Want to know more about the William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development? Institute founder Bill Gordon and Director Tim Ziebarth answer several questions in the following interview.**

## **What is the purpose or mission of the institute?**

The purpose of the institute is to enable Grace College students, faculty, employees, alumni, and friends to creatively interact with enterprises in the local, national, and international community in order to develop synergistic educational relationships and experiences. Strategic student teams will engage in unique applied learning projects with the aim of applying biblical principles to creatively strategize unique solutions, and maximize human capital.

## **How long has the institute been functioning?**

To this point, the institute has been functioning in the exploratory and planning phase under Bill Gordon's direction for about one year. Dr. Ron Manahan officially named and announced it during the Grace College Commencement Ceremony on May 9, 2009. At that time, Tim Ziebarth was also named director of the William P. Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development.

## **How can alumni get involved?**

We are currently developing a way of tracking all interested alumni and participants. Our hope is that in the future, they may be a vital part of creating more opportunities for the institute to expand its impact, leading current student experiences, and providing both financial and prayer support to the institute.

## **How will Tim's role as director of Alumni Services change as a result of taking on this new position?**

Alumni can rest assured that they will not be losing the care and interest of Tim as he adds this additional responsibility. He will still maintain his current

responsibilities and service as director of Alumni Services and will use those connections and responsibilities to blend into the institute's purposes in fulfilling its mission.

## **What will be Bill Gordon's role in the institute be now that Tim has been named director?**

Bill will continue to have impact on this initiative by cultivating and developing relationships with various constituents through which he or the institute can serve.

## **How will current students be incorporated?**

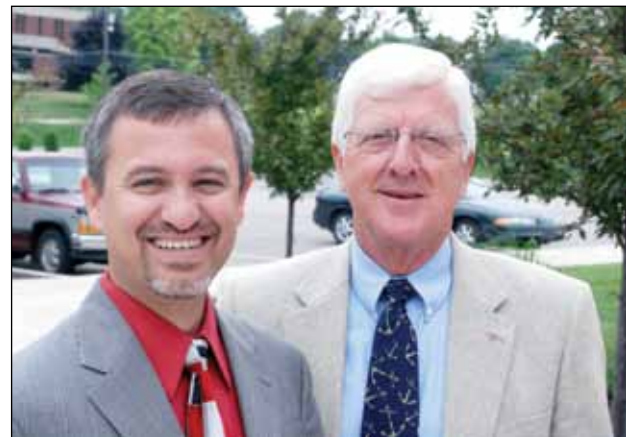
The institute plans to organize and implement unique, hands-on learning experiences by which students will have an opportunity to engage and grow as learners. These would include, but not be limited to: cross-cultural field experiences, short-term projects, internships, and full-time/part-time employment opportunities. Students are currently involved in these experiences and you will hear more about them in future publications.

## **Who will be served by this initiative?**

It is with great excitement that we anticipate serving far outside of the Winona Lake-Warsaw, Indiana, area. The intention of the institute is to have both a domestic and global impact through the connections that are made and the opportunities that are taken.

## **How and whom do I need to contact for more information?**

You can contact Tim Ziebarth for further information at:  
200 Seminary Drive  
Winona Lake, IN 46590  
574.372.5100 ext. 6129  
alumni@grace.edu



*Tim Ziebarth and Bill Gordon*



# 2009 *Grace College* Homecoming



## Friday & Saturday, November 6 & 7



### Friday November 6

- 2-5 p.m.** Registration and Welcome Reception
- 1-5 p.m.** Orthopaedic Capital Center Tours
- 7 p.m.** NCCAA Regional Volleyball Tournament

### Saturday November 7

- 8:30 a.m.** Presidential Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m.** Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch
- 10 a.m.-Noon** Art Exhibit
- Noon** Tailgate Party
- 1 p.m.** Women's Basketball Game
- 1:30-3 p.m.** Open Dorms
- 2 p.m.** School of Music Concert
- 3 p.m.** Men's Basketball Game
- 6-9 p.m.** Childcare Available (Children must be pre-registered)
- 6 p.m.** Red Carpet Gala, featuring a Piano Duet Performance by Alva Steffler (BD '59) and Nancy (Weber) Messner (BA '59)
- 7 p.m.** GC Live, featuring comedians Daren Streblow and Bob Stromberg



Time and events are subject to change. Please check the Alumni Services Web site at [www.grace.edu/alumni](http://www.grace.edu/alumni) for the most current schedule.

*(top photo) Nancy Messner and Alva Steffler, (bottom left) Daren Streblow, (bottom right) Bob Stromberg*