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MEASURING SUCCESS.



79.5%

FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE IN 2010

*compared to the national average of 70.5 percent.**

*(*According to 2010 ACT national collegiate retention data)*



22.5%

**INCREASE IN GRACE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ENROLLMENT**

3,886

HOURS "SERVE" TEAMS VOLUNTEERED

Serve is a completely student-led ministry program providing opportunities for Grace students to come together in ministry teams to explore their dreams, talents and passions to serve others.

MORE THAN



**MEASUREMENTS ON
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY LAKES**

as part of a Kosciusko Lakes and Streams (KLAS) cutting-edge research project, which looks at the E. coli bacteria and toxins produced by blue-green algae.

24,306,480

**BLADES OF GRASS BURNED AT ONE OF THE THREE CAMPUS
EXPERIMENTAL PRAIRIE PLOTS**

by Environmental Science students in order to keep out large tree species and to recycle the nutrients.



379

**STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN
BASKETBALL
KNOCKOUT**

breaking the Guinness World Record on April 8, 2011. This event raised over \$1,200 for Grace graduate Jeremy Mohr, who was paralyzed in an accident fall, 2010.

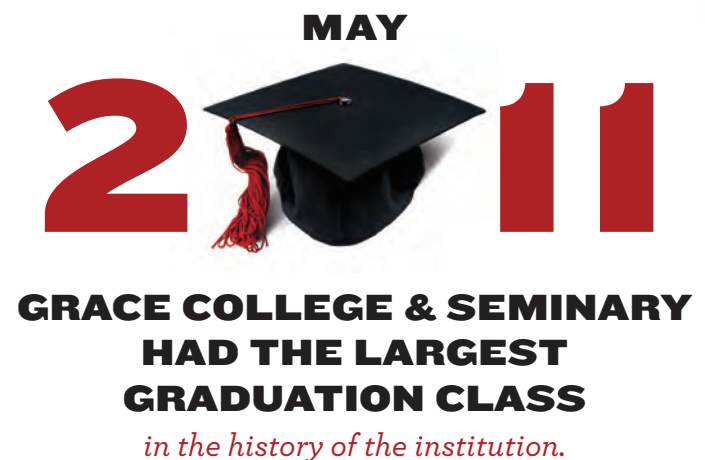
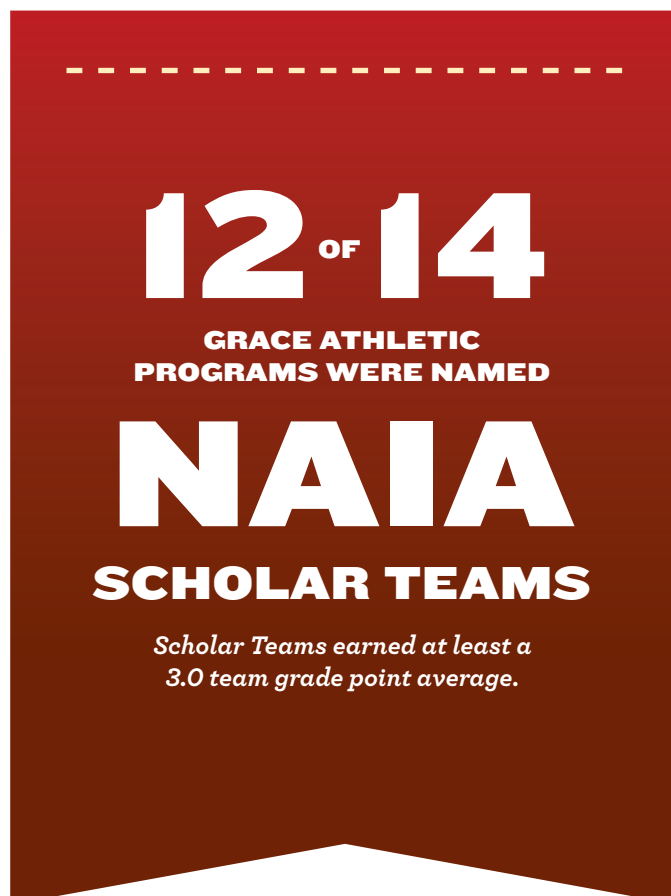
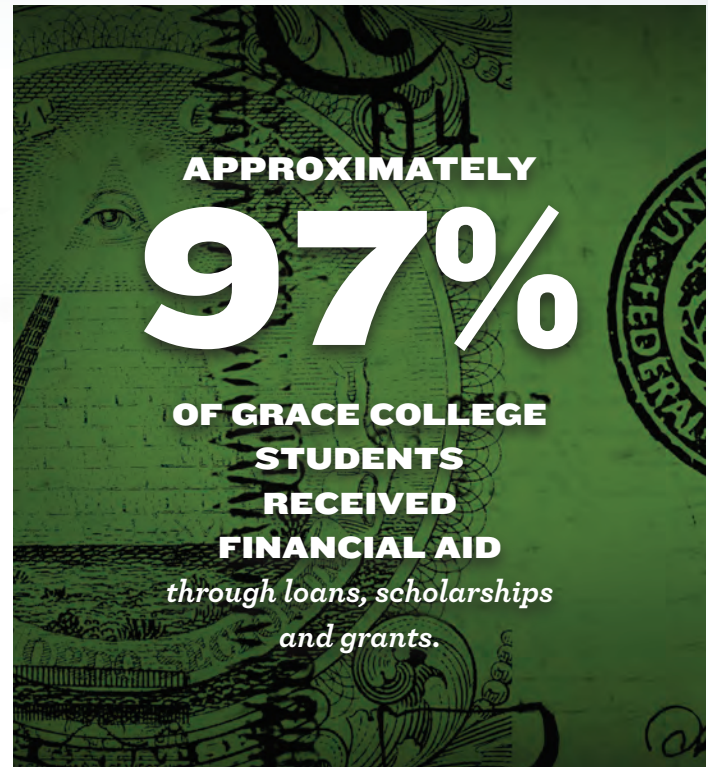
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STUDENTS

submitted work in Grace's first annual Communitas, an opportunity for students to showcase efforts in scholarship and the arts.



The National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) selected Grace College as the host for both the Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Championships for 2012-2014.



MY DAUGHTER JESSICA JUST STARTED AT GRACE COLLEGE AS A FRESHMAN.

I knew it was coming. I thought, “Kevin, you’re in a good place about all this, right? Kicking them out of the ol’ nest isn’t supposed to be that hard.” Wrong.

My beard now has a little touch of white at the edges. I don’t stand up as quickly when I get tackled by my three boys. I’m on a gluten-free diet. I’m starting to pay more attention when the Dow loses 300 points in a single day. Translation: I’m getting older.

And I cried like a baby driving out of Winona Lake because I just left *mine* on the corner of Seminary Drive and King’s Highway.

In retrospect, part of the reason I was so emotional was because I was deeply thankful. I’m thankful that I am leaving my firstborn to sit under the teaching of Roger Peugh and Mark Soto to ponder the deep heart of God and appreciate prayer in a new way. I’m thankful to leave her with Frank Benyousky where she’ll learn interpersonal communication skills that will be invaluable in her own marriage someday. I’m thankful that there are women on campus like Jacqueline Schram who are not only masterfully teaching her French, but also imparting wisdom about what it looks like to be a godly, fully-engaged, whole person. I didn’t just drop her off curbside; I handed her over to a community that loves her and cares for her.

Grace College is a family heirloom. Something precious that we’ve valued enough to pass down and invest in generationally. Jessica is a third-generation Lancer.



Her grandparents went here. Some of her aunts, uncles and cousins went here. And, yes, her parents went here. That would include me — the old guy.

What I know is this: many things have changed on Grace’s campus over the years. Just thumb through the pages and open the foldout behind this letter. Read the stories in this year-end annual report edition of 2|8|9. We’re growing, improving, expanding and broadening a reputation for excellence. But the things I cherish as an adult have always been here, deeply rooted in the soul of this place. Many of the professors I had are still here and still as convinced as ever that God’s Word is “higher” education — the truest foundation for life and learning. The older I get, the more I am too.



Kevin Sterner | Editor-in-Chief

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On The Cover

The "C" from the old gym floor, now preserved in the Bill and Ella Male Hospitality Suite in the Orthopaedic Capital Center. Photographed by Stephanie Witte (C 11).

What's In A Name?

Two Eight & Nine references Ephesians 2: 8-9, the verses upon which Grace College and Seminary were founded. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

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At Grace we believe deeply in our mission. It has been clear and direct for many decades. For sure, we live in a world of change, challenge and uncertainty. But roiling circumstances do not change God's omnipotence, the clarity and authority of His Word nor His calling on our life. God wants us to live out His calling in changing circumstances that uncover new opportunities of educational service to which our mission is applied.

New circumstances are yielding new applications of a Grace education, adding to the legacy of our mission. These new opportunities have led to growth, development and expansion. In a tightening economy, Grace heard students' and parents' concerns over the cost of higher education and saw an opportunity to help. A three-year degree option was developed. It reduced the cost of a four-year degree by 25 percent and helped move students to graduation more quickly while still completing the customary 120 semester hours for graduation. As economic concerns in our world mount, this innovation is even more timely. That is not all.

Another innovation resulted in The Henry and Frances Weber School at Grace College, made possible by a dear couple's generous gift. The Weber School is especially designed to offer an associate degree in multiple cities at a cost of only \$7,800 per year for a full-time student. After successfully completing the program, students can transition to the Grace campus in Winona Lake, Ind. Again, awareness of an increasingly serious need led to this innovation: affordable Christian education at the doorstep of urban students.

A new opportunity was developed to meet a key educational need of the global orthopaedic sector that surrounds Grace. Listening and responding to the need identified by these business leaders led to the creation of a graduate program in orthopedic regulatory and clinical affairs. This program is the only one of its kind in the United States.

To the above opportunities and innovations Grace has added a group of wonderful new faculty members. They will carry on the Grace legacy by joining these programs: Business, Communications, Graduate Counseling, Mathematics and Teacher Education. These new faculty join a record number of first-year college students (21 percent growth over last year). Grace Theological Seminary continues its reach through the Korean Studies Program, now approved to extend its teaching courses to six other countries. And three new administrative leaders have joined Grace; a new dean of the School of Business began this fall semester as well as a new athletic director and new alumni director. We are delighted they have become part of Grace.

All of this growth and innovation seeks to invest in students' lives in such a way that they will bear fruit and change lives. We want these investments to give God the enjoyment of His own glory.



Ronald E. Manahan

Dr. Ronald E. Manahan | President

21%
INCREASE
in freshman enrollment
for fall 2011.

REIMAGINING COLLEGE

EVEN A COLLEGE CAN GO BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD, back to where real students and real families need help to make college a reality! Over the past year, each major at Grace was reimagined, enabling any student to finish any bachelor's degree in three years — saving families thousands of dollars in tuition in the midst of a prolonged economic downturn. For the first time ever, many families are able to realistically consider a Christian college education. As we redesigned our curriculum for three-year degree completion, we also enhanced it — providing classroom experiences that use emerging technologies, marketplace case

studies and afford 10 percent more field time for internships, research fellowships, study abroad and more. We wanted our graduates to be capable of adding immediate value to the businesses, churches, classrooms and labs that will be hiring them the moment they enter the increasingly competitive job market. Faculty spent around 12,400 hours overhauling approximately 310 courses to incorporate virtual learning tools, to revise student learning outcomes and to increase the focus on engaged learning. Meanwhile, Grace began promoting the three-year opportunity to potential freshmen. Admissions Counselors made more than 23,000 phone calls and sent more than

Semi-trucks with Grace billboards traveled across the country this past year, reaching 42 states. We partnered with Metzger Trucking Company, wrapping our billboards on two of their truck-trailers at a fraction of the cost of traditional billboards. We've loved hearing from you as you've spotted the Grace trailers around the U.S.



210,000 emails. In addition to radio ads, social media and national press releases, we used mobile billboards to help take the message all over the country (42 states!) and launched a brand new website to help engage and inform potential students. We became the first college to offer a three-year degree across all majors and areas of study. As of August 2011, first-year student enrollment increased by 21 percent, as a record-breaking 294 Grace freshmen arrived on campus! We are incredibly thankful for God's direction and provision.



WEB TRAFFIC
INCREASED BY

26%

(TOTAL NUMBER OF
PAGES VIEWED)

VISITORS VIEWED

35%

MORE PAGES
ON OUR WEBSITE

VISITORS SPENT

37%

MORE TIME
ON OUR WEBSITE



12,400

Hours faculty spent redesigning 310 courses, emphasizing applied learning and integration of faith in learning.

lves heard.

0% LESS

with a new **3-year Bachelor's**

GRACE
COLLEGE

grace.edu/reimagine

45%

Incoming students who plan to pursue the three-year track.

55%

Incoming students who said the three-year option influenced their decision to enroll at Grace.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to visit our Reimagine website.

The Henry and Frances Weber School at Grace College has an inspiring inception story. When the project was still on the drawing board and in review for prospective locations, Henry Weber (then, a board member, active project advocate and generous supporter of Grace College) lost his beautiful wife of 57 years, Frances. Though grieved by this loss, Weber continued the tradition of generosity that he and his wife had practiced for 15 years to Grace by giving \$1 million to the satellite school project. Only a few short months later, a ribbon-cutting ceremony ensued in both Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, Ind. It was fittingly and unanimously decided that the school should be named after its gracious benefactors.

The school quickly began to attract students like Maggie Carroll. What no one knew was that, like Weber, Carroll's recent history was impacted by deep personal loss.

At 19, Carroll, was one of the first students to inquire and enroll at Grace College's inaugural location in Fort Wayne, Ind. When her brother, Steven, who had suffered from cerebral palsy since birth, passed away at the age of 25, everything in Maggie Carroll's life came to an abrupt halt. She withdrew from classes at Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne to spend time with her brother who, she says, was close enough to be her twin. But this wasn't the end of her higher education journey. "There was never a doubt in my mind that I needed to go back to college. I knew I really needed a Christian college experience." Not only that, she says, but "[Steven] would have been disappointed if I didn't go back."

This is where these two adjacent stories intersect — stories that God always intended to come together. One story of great need; another story of faithful provision.

THE WEBER SCHOOL: INVESTMENT, MEET OPPORTUNITY

BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)



The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Fort Wayne location. Pictured left to right: Dr. John Teevan, Dr. Ron Manahan, Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry and Henry Weber.





Meeting students like Maggie Carroll where they're at is exactly what Dr. John Teevan, executive director at The Weber School, wants to do. "We have to add value and cut costs," he says, quoting Grace President Ron Manahan and Provost Bill Katip. "Accessibility has become an integral part of that value." True to its "meet-you-in-your-backyard" promise, The Weber School is not only a new model of feasibility, it's a model of genuine hope.

With its aggressively priced \$3,900/semester cost, its dedication to a biblical worldview and its efficient course design, The Weber School may fit the bill (and surely reduce it!) for many families living under the current economic duress. Fort Wayne launched its location this fall and Indianapolis is set for a spring 2012 start-up.

Being near family, taking courses that you really enjoy, not having to be burdened by debt — this is what happens when generous investment meets genuine need. This is what happens when a Henry Weber meets a Maggie Carroll.

In the summer of 2011, Carroll had been accepted into another school, but the cost was an insurmountable barrier. "I had to make the decision whether or not I wanted to take out an extreme amount of loans or try and go somewhere closer to home," she says.

Then her parents and pastor began telling her, "You should check out this new school!" The Weber School had just opened its doors for a preview and Carroll was one of the first potential students to walk through them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WEBER SCHOOL, VISIT [HTTP://WEBER.GRACE.EDU](http://WEBER.GRACE.EDU).

A JOINT PARTNERSHIP

BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)





Grace College shares an address with a \$38 billion global industry in Warsaw, Indiana, the orthopaedic capital of the world.

What now is international in scope started out with door-to-door salesman and pharmaceutical practitioner, Revra DePuy, who moved from Michigan to Warsaw, Ind., in 1895 and revolutionized orthopaedic practices by changing the common bone splint from a piece of barrel wood to something more practical and comfortable. It was just a small innovation, but it was first DePuy and then his employee Justin Zimmer who started the ball rolling for Kosciusko County to become the epicenter of this burgeoning marketplace.

Now innovators like DePuy, Zimmer and the brains that built Biomet are getting into the business of education, out of necessity.

The Lilly Endowment, an Indiana-based foundation that exists to support the causes of community development, education and religion, hired a research organization called Biocrossroads to do a study of the Warsaw/Winona Lake area and found several initiatives they felt the community needed to focus on. "One of those initiatives was talent pool development," states Allyn Decker, program director for the newly minted Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs (ORCA) program at Grace College. "Those of us who live here, love Warsaw, but it is very difficult for the orthopaedic industry to bring highly educated professionals to this community if they don't already understand the value of living here. This is where Grace College came in."



Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs students. Pictured left to right: Molly Fishel, Joseph Meyers, Mike Wolford and Kim Earle.

President Ron Manahan is a leader with a history of community collaboration. In almost the door-to-door fashion of Revra DePuy, Manahan knocked on the doors of Zimmer, Biomet and DePuy, and simply asked “What are your needs?” The immediate and unanimous answer from the companies’ presidents? “Training in regulatory and clinical affairs,” that is, an initiative that helps develop industry workers who understand the various processes involved in engineering, testing and submitting successful, safe orthopaedic devices to the FDA for approval. It’s an industry discipline that grows more and more rigorous every year.

Manahan’s overture for partnership with Grace College was met with resounding enthusiasm and an agreement took root in the form of a \$600,000 grant from OrthoWorx — a Warsaw-based, industry, community and education initiative established by funding from the Lilly Endowment.

The new ORCA program is the world’s first and only graduate program for studies in orthopaedic regulatory and clinical affairs, and it resides at Grace College. ORCA is also the first of the OrthoWorx initiatives to be implemented and thus a chance for this elaborate partnership to prove that it can and will succeed.

“ORCA is the shining star within this initiative,” says Decker, repeating the words of Biocrossroads CEO, David Johnson. “It’s what everybody is watching.” Grace College has done its research and spent the grant money wisely. An advisory board was set up; scouts went out to 12 other schools around the country to observe similar programs; cutting-edge technology was brought in; and, most importantly, a faculty of the most qualified individuals possible was hired.



Director of Worldwide Biostatistics & Data Management at DePuy Orthopaedics and ORCA faculty member Paul Voorhorst teaches at the Orthopaedic Capital Center.

MEET OUR PRESTIGIOUS FACULTY

“In terms of all the professors in this program, they’re experts in their industry,” says Mike Wolford, one of the first ORCA master’s students. “You’re talking about people who have chapter-long resumes.” But, he continues, that’s not intimidating because “they’re not so ‘out there’ that they’re out of touch with the students. They make themselves available which is something I’ve really come to trust about Grace.”

The managerial team is par excellence too. Especially Decker, an award-winning innovator in training and professional education whose oversight has produced a well-oiled, cutting-edge program that involves a twelve-month, twelve-course schedule, a bi-monthly series of weekend lectures and the convenient access to online participation. The program has been running smoothly since its launch in May of this year and already has a waiting list to get in; it accepts only 30 students per year.

Decker is a man who takes the statistics to heart. He notes that “thirty percent of our county directly owe their living to orthopaedics. If it weren’t here, one-third of our county would be out of work. They are the economic engine of our region.” He goes on to say that, out of the \$38 billion worldwide that orthopaedics brings in, Northern Indiana brings in \$11 billion.

Success has always been about innovation and anticipating market trends and needs and then stepping up to meet those needs in timely and resourceful ways through technology and talent. It happened in the orthopaedic industry in 1895, and it’s happening today at Grace College.

Mikhail Chkolnik is the project leader for clinical research at DePuy Orthopaedics. He holds a doctorate in family medicine and specializes in therapeutic knowledge of cardiovascular and orthopaedic devices.

Rodrigo Diaz is the medical safety officer at DePuy Orthopaedics. He earned his doctor of medicine in Bogota, Colombia, with an emphasis in family medicine. He has worked over 10 years in clinical research.

Jordan Lee is a manager with DePuy Orthopaedics. She holds a doctorate in the field of biomedical device design and serves as an advisory council member for the Indiana Space Grant Consortium and the Technical Assistance Program at Purdue University.

Mark Piazza currently practices law as the owner and managing director of Mark T. Piazza, LLC. He holds a juris doctorate and previously served as an assistant general counsel for Johnson & Johnson.

Pamela Plouhar is the vice president of worldwide clinical affairs at DePuy Orthopaedics. She earned her doctorate in chemistry/biochemistry from the University of Notre Dame and has 10 published patents.

Max Sherman is the president of Sherman Consulting Services, Inc. He holds a bachelor of science in pharmacy and is the author and/or co-author of more than 100 professional publications in numerous pharmacy, regulatory and orthopaedic journals and books.

JoAnn M. Tyson is the CEO and clinical and regulatory affairs director at J. Tyson & Associates, Inc (JTA). JTA specializes in device clinical trials with an emphasis on orthopedic and cardiovascular products and services. Ms. Tyson is a registered nurse and holds her master’s in health care services administration.

Paul Voorhorst is the director of worldwide biostatistics and data management at DePuy Orthopaedics. He holds an M.B.A. and a master’s in biostatistics and has provided leadership in numerous Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) and Premarket Approval (PMA) submissions to the Food and Drug Administration.

Ted M. Wendt is currently a consultant in regulatory affairs, compliance and quality assurance and holds a doctorate in microbiology. He retired as vice president of regulatory affairs and compliance from Zimmer in 2004. Prior to his tenure with Zimmer, he served as director of international regulatory affairs for Johnson & Johnson Medical, Inc.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to watch Program Director Allyn Decker discuss the Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs program with representatives from Biomet and OrthoWorx.

Performing Strongly

Grace College and Seminary performed strongly in 2010-11. We reduced our long- and short-term debt by more than \$780,000 and improved our liquidity. Healthy contributions and record enrollment have increased our net assets by more than \$2.3 million.

Responding to economic conditions, we launched The Henry and Frances Weber School, a two-year associate degree program for commuting students in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, Ind. (see pages 8-9). We’ve also come alongside our renowned local marketplace here in Warsaw — the \$11 billion orthopaedic capital of the world. In partnership with industry leaders, we’ve launched the nation’s only Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs (ORCA) graduate program (see pages 10-13).

We’ve shown fiscal discipline and initiated prudent cost controls enabling us to limit the increase in our tuition and room and board to 2.8 percent — well below the 4.7 percent average increase of other Indiana private colleges and universities.

Amidst economic downturn and uncertainty, Grace’s financial decisions, our innovative spirit to seize new opportunities and your unwavering partnership have situated us well for the future. It is with great anticipation that I look forward to what our faithful and providential God has in store for us.



Steve Popenfoose
Steve Popenfoose | Chief Financial Officer

REVENUE

\$26,259,138	72%	Tuition
\$6,084,773	17%	Room & Board
\$3,881,206	11%	Fund Raising

\$ 36,225,117

2010-11 FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

EXPENSES

\$10,746,166	31%	Student Scholarships
\$6,545,503	19%	Instruction
\$6,002,754	17%	Institutional Support
\$4,994,374	15%	Physical Plant Operations
\$3,974,449	12%	Student Services
\$2,037,959	6%	Depreciation & Debt

\$ 34,301,205



Figures are based on the August 2011 audited financial statements.



ONWARD UPDATE

In 2009, Grace started the Onward campaign to raise \$4 million over the course of two and a half years for student scholarships. Onward ends in December 2011, and because of your generosity, we're more than 75 percent of the way there.

GOAL

\$ 4,000,000

TOTAL COMMITTED

\$ 3,030,000

NUMBER OF DONORS

3,000+

To help us reach our goal and enable more students to experience a Grace education, visit www.grace.edu/onward, or use the giving envelope found in this magazine.

2010-11

CLASS CONTRIBUTIONS

The gray bars indicate the class contributions from 2009-10. The red bars represent the 2010-11 class contributions.



PHONATHON REPORT

As many of you are probably aware, October was the month for the 2011 Fall Phonathon! The Phonathon provides an excellent opportunity to connect with you, and we're thankful for your gracious and generous responses. It's proven to be our most

effective fundraising approach to our mass audiences. Here's a look back at our results from the 2010 Fall and 2011 Spring Phonathons:

\$ 115,477

Total amount raised in the 2010 Fall and 2011 Spring Phonathons.

38,516

Total calls attempted in the 2010 fall and 2011 spring sessions.

1,548

Number of gifts received for the 2010 fall and 2011 spring campaigns.

7,436

Total calls completed in the 2010 fall and 2011 spring sessions.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Membership in the President's Club is reserved for individuals and organizations who give \$1,000 or more a year to Grace College and Seminary. Members listed gave their gifts during the June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011 year. Alumni appear in black print.

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Grace alumni (left to right) Aaron Hood (BS 03), Joe Kateule (BS 05, MA 07), Matt Miller (BS 95) and Kyle Alcorn (BS 08) support freshman Gift Sibukome on the Grace soccer field.

An Ingenious Idea to Kick Around

By Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

Men's soccer Head Coach Matt Hotchkin says his team was struggling with morale and "consistently finishing at the bottom in the Mid-Central College Conference." Meanwhile, God was impressing on the hearts of soccer alumni Matt Miller (BS 95) and Alwin Arendse (BS 94) to do something about it.

Miller wasn't clear on the vision at first. "I felt called toward something for the Lord that was 'team'-oriented and definitely not 'me'-oriented," says Miller. He called Alwin Arendse and they began talking with some of their former teammates about how they might be able to accomplish greater things for Grace soccer and for the Kingdom.

In particular, Miller says, the soccer alumni had a collective passion for "pooling our resources and providing a college education for an individual who otherwise could not even imagine the possibility of an education at Grace." The guys began inviting other Grace soccer alumni to share their vision, and out of that assemblage was born the "Captain's Group," — eight Grace soccer alumni representing four decades: Steve

Miller (BA 74), Jeff Cahill (BS 77), Paul Henning (BS 79), Greg Dosmann (BS 85), Alwin Arendse (BS 94), Matt Miller (BS 95), Aaron Hood (BS 03) and Kyle Alcorn (BS 08). Their mission? “Very simply,” Paul Henning says, “to support the Grace College men’s soccer program in advancing the Kingdom of God.”

Through much prayer and many phone calls to the 500-strong soccer alumni, dubbed “Team Alumni,” the Captain’s Group began raising money to fund a talented student-athlete. Miller recounts the journey: “Coach Hotchkin, Alwin and I traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2011, to look for a scholarship candidate. We were looking for a young man who loved the Lord, who was a gifted player, and who could not afford a college education in the U.S. We explored candidates in Europe, the Middle East and finally, Zambia.” After prayerfully waiting on the Lord, Miller says they were handed a gift, quite literally. “A young Zambian man named Gift Sibukome landed in our laps!”

But Coach Hotchkin says their efforts didn’t stop with Gift, or the \$21,500 in scholarship money they raised to bring him to Grace this year. The Captain’s Group, with the soccer alumni, have worked to recruit talented players from across the U.S. Captain’s Group member Jeff Cahill hosted a recruiting trip with two other soccer alumni that yielded four Grace athletes from Colorado: two men’s soccer players, one women’s

soccer player and one men’s basketball player. Hotchkin says, “It’s great because these guys are finding smart athletes in states that are soccer hotbeds, away from all the regular Indiana high schools. Until recently, most of our players were coming from right here in Northern Indiana — forcing us to compete with at least eight other Christian colleges within a two-hour radius.”

Although the Captain’s Group and Team Alumni’s fundraising and recruiting efforts have greatly benefited the team, Hotchkin says the alumni’s most significant gift thus far has been their commitment to mentor and pray for current Grace soccer players. Although the alumni wrestled with their own shortcomings and how they might effectively mentor students, Miller says, “We are committed to being aware of the team’s schedule, praying for our players and offering encouragement and support to our players via text, email or phone. Jeremy Hostetler (C 95) even drove into town from Ohio to take his guys out to dinner and directly reach out to them.”

Not only has God blessed the current players, but He’s also working in the lives of the soccer alumni. Henning says, “For me, watching God work through imperfect men to carry out His perfect plans is very exciting. It is very inspirational to see past soccer players commit time and resources to support the current program as together we seek to advance the Kingdom of God.”

Hotchkin says the soccer program is stronger than ever. “When our guys put on their jerseys on game day, they actually think about the fact that Matt Miller, Paul Henning, Jeff Cahill, Erich Laabs (BS 94), Rusty Annis (C 85) and others also wore these jerseys. I’m grateful that these men are thankful for their alma mater, their team experience and their spiritual journey, and have decided to invest in the future of Grace soccer and Grace College.”



Sibukome practices his juggling skills.



THE WEATHERS REPORT

By Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

GRACE HAS A NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: BAILEY

WEATHERS. With our athletic programs poised to do some amazing things in the next few years, one might observe that he's been thrown into the deep end of the pool — but then again, that's where he's the most comfortable. His resume reads like an ESPN highlight reel.

Weathers coached the 2008 bronze medalist swimmer Allison Schmitt and 29 others who have competed in the Olympic Games. He has been named conference coach of the year nine times and has broken dozens of Big East championship records. He most recently served as the executive head coach for Club Wolverine at the University of Michigan where dozens of his swimmers qualified for the Olympic Trials. For 10 years he was the head coach of the women's swim team at the University of Notre Dame where they won nine consecutive Big East titles (Weathers being one of only three coaches across the country, in any sport, with this winning streak). He was also named the NCAA Division I Coach of the Year as the head women's swimming coach while at Southern Illinois University.

Although Weathers is reluctant to name his long list of professional accolades, he's first in line to champion the value of impacting people for Christ.

"People have been curious about why I've come to a small Indiana Christian college — especially, one without a pool," Weathers says. But he wanted to do what he loves most of all: draw out the best in student-athletes and coaches and help them mature in their abilities and to deepen their love for Jesus. He adds with a chuckle, "Bottom line, God called me here."

Weathers is enthusiastic about the potential he sees in Grace Athletics. "I am so impressed with the expertise and commitment to excellence our Grace coaches have and the excitement for what they're doing. It's tough to find ... I want our athletic programs to grow and become more competitive because it will give us broader opportunities to be a witness, and that's what it's all about."

For Weathers, honesty is an important part of growth. "One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 27:17; 'As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.' And that means, whether we're on the court or in the classroom, we're honest with one another about what we see so we can help one another get better." Weathers explains, "I want to be learning every day. That's what I want for our players and coaches because that means we're growing and we're getting better."

We're tremendously excited for this new era in Grace Athletics as we are led by a man whose love for athletes and Christ runs so deeply.

P.S. Hey Weathers, any chance we might see 50-meter swimming lanes in Winona Lake any time soon?



FIVE FOR FIGHTING

BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)

Tennessee has Pat Summitt, UCLA has John Wooden, Duke has Mike Krzyzewski and Grace College has Jim Kessler (BS 70). Few people have been involved in Grace Athletics long enough for their name to be synonymous with it. Men's basketball Head Coach Jim ("Coach K") Kessler is surely one of these exceptions.

It's not the wins, his 36-year tenure, the championships peppering his storied career or the court floor in the OCC that's named after him that defines Kessler as a coach. It's the values he lives by. For Coach K, basketball is not the endgame.

"I really see coaching as a ministry," he says. "And that's not meant to be cliché. I really feel that way." There are five things that Coach K asks of his men:

1. Be responsible, 2. Have integrity, 3. Have a teachable spirit, 4. Be a joyful warrior, 5. Be a lover of God and of others

"[My players] don't have to be saints or anything ... but they ought to be men concerned about where they go academically, athletically and spiritually. I tell them all the time, 'To whom much is given, much will be expected.'" These are the virtues Kessler stands by year in and year out, and hundreds of student-athletes all over the world could recite them to you.

And it's a standard worth celebrating. Five for fighting the good fight. Five for winning in every context.



A Lifetime

LEARNING TO LISTEN

By Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

Tammy Denlinger (BS 81, MA 88), the new Grace alumni director, has spent the last two decades of her life as a high-profile executive in the Indiana health care industry. As a licensed comprehensive health care administrator, she's built winning "Good to Great" management teams, hired hundreds of employees, and directed the opening of a multimillion dollar skilled rehab facility.

Denlinger is clearly a sharp, hard-working and innovative individual, but she's as personable as she is professional. She makes you feel like you're her favorite next door neighbor. Why? Because she's mastered the lost art of truly listening.

*“Seek first to understand;
then be understood.”*

While working in the health care industry, Denlinger prioritized service. “I wanted every customer to be cared for as if they were our own moms. I wanted sons and daughters to know that when they left their parents in one of our nursing care facilities, they could walk away and trust us.” Denlinger spent her time enforcing this standard of excellence and sought to exceed expectations at every turn. Denlinger explains, “I wanted every resident to feel like they were at a fine hotel.” In 2004, she received the prestigious Advocate of the Year Award — one of 19 Indiana caregivers recognized for their dedication in supporting long-term care residents, and in 2011, her company was named a Best Places to Work in Indiana.

So it's no surprise that one of Denlinger's favorite quotes is “Seek first to understand; then to be understood.” Now, as Grace's alumni director, Denlinger wants to spend as much time as possible listening to our alumni. “One of the things I've learned

from being in the service industry is that all feedback, even criticism — in fact, especially criticism — is a gift. If someone trusts me enough to tell me the stuff that's not easy to hear, that's a good thing. It gives me an opportunity to get better. We open up doors when we listen to each other sincerely, without judgment.”

While Denlinger's job often involved extensive traveling and working long hours, she found rest and peace in the great outdoors. “I love catching the sunset or sitting at a lake's edge.” She enjoys it all the more when she's with her husband, Keith (BS 81), whom she credits with making her life manageable. “Keith has made my career possible. He cooked and cleaned and

did laundry. He has been a true partner to me as we cared for and raised our two boys. I simply could not have done it without him.” Denlinger also says her faith keeps her grounded. “One of the reasons that being out in nature is my favorite way to relax is because I see God in creation. I'm reminded of what's true — that God is good, and that He is always working.”

*“... all feedback, even
criticism ... is a gift.”*

We know that Denlinger will be an indispensable member of the staff serving the Grace College family. Stop by her office the next time you're on campus — she'd love to meet you.

ALUM NOTES

Connecting with our family of friends

DOWN THE AISLE

80s

Patrick (BA 86) and Laurie **Humphrey**: April 24, 2010. The Humphreys reside in Clovis CA.

90s

Robert Alt and **Rebekah Hildebrandt** (C 99): June 22, 2011. Robert and Rebekah were married in Prague, Czech Republic. Robert is a senior legal fellow and deputy director for the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C. Rebekah received her Master of Public Policy (National Security concentration) from George Mason University on May 21, 2011. Her article, "Injustice for All? Why Congress Should Require Criminal Intent for Criminal Convictions," was recently published in the academic journal, New Voices in Public Policy. The Alts reside in Falls Church VA with Rebekah's son, Benjamin. **01**

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Nathaniel Foote (BS 09) and **Christine Miller** (BS 09): April 17, 2010. Nathaniel is youth pastor at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church. The Footes reside in Meyersdale PA. **02**

Shawn Kantenwein (BS 07) and **Heidi Biehler** (BA 08): April 9, 2011. The Kantenweins live in Warsaw IN. kantenism@embarqmail.com **03**

David Kindt and **Bethany Hay** (BS 09): June 27, 2009. The Kindts reside in Houston TX.

Curtis Peterson and **Amanda Colbart** (BS 09): May 28, 2011. The Petersons are at home in Carol Stream IL. amandacolbart@gmail.com **04**

Andrew Simms (C 07) and **Lydia Scoles** (BA 11): May 28, 2011. Andrew and Lydia reside in Plain City OH. **05**

Jared Van Ness and **Melanie Wert** (BS 05): July 23, 2011. Melanie works at Biomet, Inc. in Warsaw IN as an IT technician, Mac specialist. melanie_sue@yahoo.com **06**

Dan (BA 00) and Amanda **Zambrano**: February 27, 2010. The Zambranos live in Warsaw IN.

Kurtis Carman and **Lauren Keys** (C 11): May 21, 2011. **07**

FUTURE ALUMNI

90s

Sean and **Bridgette** (**Konopka** BS 98) **Blake**: Tony Dean, September 22, 2010. Tony joins Bo (4) and Josie (3) at home in Warren OH. snbanatomy@windstream.net **08**

Zach and **Rochelle** (**Yoder** BA 99) **Mauer**: Lucy Rochelle, February 7, 2011. The Mauer family lives in Indianapolis IN. Zach is a police officer and Rochelle is a firefighter. rochellemauer@hotmail.com **09**

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Josh (BS 02) and **Kimberly** (**Barnard** BS 03) **Brown**: Wesley Jameson, November 9, 2010.

Wesley joins Owen (4) at home in Indianapolis IN. Josh is beginning his sixth year of teaching special education and has recently added a license in English education. It is also his fifth year as the varsity soccer coach for Southport High School (Indianapolis) where he was named Marion County Coach of the Year two out of his five years in coaching. In addition, Josh coaches club soccer for Westside United. Kim is now a full-time



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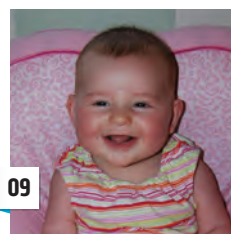
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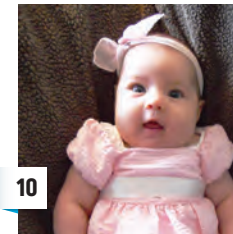
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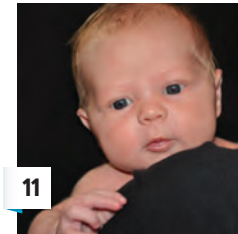
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stay-at-home mom to their two boys and teaches piano lessons in her "spare" time. brownja2@gmail.com

Matt (BS 05) and **Sarah (Mackey BS 04)** **Carter**: Evangeline Ann, February 28, 2011. Matt is the director of contemporary worship for the Wooster (PA) Grace Brethren Church. mathdcarter@gmail.com **10**

Zach (BA 07) and Amy **Evans**: Drew Alan, November 12, 2010. Drew joins sister Mackenzie (2) in Winona Lake IN. Zach is employed at Biomet and Amy is a stay-at-home mom. a_zevans@hotmail.com **11**

David (BS 02) and **Sara (Weltz BS 02)** **Foster**: Isabelle Faith, February 8, 2011. Bella joins sister Tori (3 1/2) at home in LaPlata MD. **12**

Nick (BS 04) **Jessica (Herr BS 04)** **Hauck**: Maelle Leigh, October 16, 2010. The Haucks reside in Winona Lake where Nick is the general manager of Cerulean Restaurant and Jessica is the assistant director of admissions for Grace Schools. **13**

Stephen (BS 10) and **Dalene (Kessel BS 06)** **Hobart**: Violet Love, May 8 2011. Violet arrived on Mother's Day! The Hobart family resides in Pierceton IN. **14**

David (C 05) and **Jessica (Horning BS 05)** **Julian**: Laina Irene and Owen Daniel, February 13, 2011. dm.jm.julian@gmail.com **15**

Dan and **Rachel (Stroh BA 01)** **Loos**: Jasper Solomon, April 24, 2011. The Loos family lives in Glenview IL. **16**

Matt (BS 02) and **Kat (Mutchler BS 02)** **Mason**: Edward Harold, February 2, 2011. Edward Harold is named after Matt's grandfathers – two great men of faith! He joins Kyla (6) and Eliza (4) at home in Lancaster PA. Matt is the CFO of Lancaster Bible College and Kat is enjoying staying at home with their children. **17**

Jim (BS 01) and **Melanie (Rominski C 99)** **Matthews**: Derly Daly (8), Estefania Elizabeth (6), Jesus Ryan (5) and Prospero Noah (2). Jim and Melanie welcomed the four children into their family through adoption in November 2010. Jim serves as the youth pastor for the Buffalo Evangelical Free Church in Buffalo MN. Visit the Matthews family at www.matthewsadooption.blogspot.com. melmat1216@yahoo.com **18**

Casey (BS 08) and **Sara (Barzler BA 07)** **Richey**: Kaylie Eowyn, April 9, 2011. The Richey family lives in Winona Lake IN. **19**

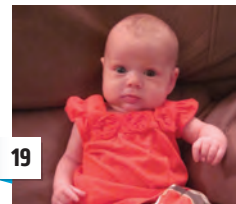
CLASS NOTES

60s **Chuck** (BA 60) and **Jean (Enlow BS 63)** **Henry** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2010 by taking their sons, their wives and grandchildren to Germany, Austria and Switzerland for 17 days. Midway through the trip they attended the Oberammergau Passion Play, a seven-hour production retelling the Passion of Jesus Christ. The play is produced every ten years and first began in 1634. The family picture was taken in Zermatt, Switzerland, with the Matterhorn in the background. Jean has enjoyed her 10 years of retirement after teaching kindergarten for 37 years. In January 2010, Chuck completed nine years with Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, a large orthopaedic practice headquartered in Morton Grove IL. **20**

On July 15 and 16, a group of Grace College alumni gathered in Annapolis MD for a Friday night dinner and a Saturday cruise to historic St. Michaels. Enjoying the fun, food, fellowship and much laughter were (left to right) **Dan** (BA 67) and **Lee (Humberd BS 66)** **Kingery, Denny** (BA 70) and **Linda (Ashman BA 68)** **Brown, Jackie (Merrick BME 66)** **Pinkard, Judy (Stickler BS 66)** **Powers, Bobbi (Jentes BA 66)** **Mason, Nancy (Nye BS 68)** and **Ned** (BS 66) **Weirich**, (back row) **Bill** (BS 66) and **Kathy Keane** and **Ruth (Wolff C 67)** **Stewart**. **21**

70s **Dr. Phil Norris** (BME 76) was recently named in the upcoming publication (2013), "Trumpet Greats: A Biographical Dictionary of Important Trumpeters Since the Baroque Era" (Hickman Music Editions). pennwc@gmail.com

In 2010, **Dr. Stephen Stout** (MDiv 76) received his PhD from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His dissertation was entitled "The Man Christ Jesus" and published by Wipf and Stock. Dr. Stout is pastor of Shearer Presbyterian Church. He is an adjunct faculty member at Carolina Evangelical School of Theology in Greensboro NC and at New Life Theological Seminary in Charlotte NC. Dr. Stout received his ThM



from Westminster in 1977 and his DMin from Covenant in 1988. He resides with wife Marlene in Charlotte. sostout@juno.com

80s **Tom** (BA 84, MDiv 90) and **MaryAnn (Makofka BS 84)** **Barlow** are part of the cross-cultural staff of Grace Brethren International Missions (GBIM). In December 2010, they moved to Birmingham UK after eight years of church-planting in London. Their main focus is equipping and empowering national leaders in two Grace Brethren churches. They work in collaboration with two other couples from GBIM. The Barlows have three daughters: Nicole (21), Anne (19) and Megane (14). Nicole is a student at Grace College. tom@barlowgroup.net

On May 5, 2011, **John R. Boal** (BS 84, S 90) received his Doctor of Science in Information Systems and Communications from Robert Morris University. His dissertation, "Influencing Factors of Alumni Giving in Religious Institutions of Higher Learning," has now been published. In 1992, Dr. Boal received his MDiv from the Masters Seminary. Dr. Boal is the chief advancement officer for Grace Schools. He lives with wife **Lyn (Kelly BS 84)**, and children Hannah (16) and Jesse (15) in Winona Lake IN. This year was a busy time in the Boal household as Lyn was also taking classes and added a teaching credential to her art degree. Dr. Boal was recently elected as the Republican candidate to the Winona Lake Town Council and is running unopposed in November 2011. **22**

Pastor Kenneth Davis (DipTh 82) serves as the associate pastor of the Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren. He and wife Carole are enjoying new grandson Ryan, born in April. Ken and Carole reside in Bradenton FL. Kenpastor@aol.com

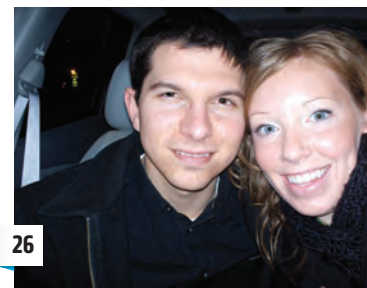
Chris Hay (BA 82, MDiv 87) has taken a new position with Eternity Bible College as director of church relations. EBC was started by Francis Chan and is located in Simi Valley CA. Chris, wife Dawn and family reside in Reseda CA.

In 2011, **Lane Lewallen** (BS 84) completed his 20th year as a sixth-grade teacher in the Kankakee Valley School Corporation. In 2010, he finished his fourth year as coach for the girls' varsity cross-country team. Highlights of the year include the team winning their second Northwest Crossroads Conference championship, with Lane receiving his second NCC Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year award; the team winning the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Sectional, and qualifying as a team for the IHSAA Semi-State; and in 2011, the team winning the IHSAA Sectional, giving Lane six total sectional titles as a head coach, including two as former KVHS boys' varsity cross country coach. llewallen@kv.k12.in.us

Dr. Gary L. Taylor (BA 80) received his Doctor of Ministry degree in April 2011 from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary. His doctoral dissertation was entitled "The Use of Spiritual Disciplines in the Act and Development of Leadership." Dr. Taylor is the pastor

at Calvary Community Church in Albany OR and an adjunct instructor of Bible at Corban University in Salem. Dr. Taylor and wife Melody have six children: Jonathan (28), David (23), Rebecca (20), Benjamin (18), Caleb (16) and Mary (11). The Taylor family resides in Scio OR. gltaylor1956@gmail.com **23**

Brian M. Winter (C 82) retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the US Marine Corps and the US Marine Corps Reserves in July 2011 after serving for 30 years. The ceremony was conducted at the Marine Reserve Center, home of Bravo Company, 4th Tank Battalion, in Yakima WA by Colonel John A. Skinner, Chief of Staff, Marine Forces Northern Command. The actual ceremony was held outside in close proximity to the Russian-built T-72 tank that Winter's Company B captured in the Gulf War in 1991. Brian's Marine service included tours in Korea, Okinawa and Japan. He was Company B's executive officer during the Gulf War and most recently was with Marine Headquarters in Fallujah, Iraq. He served for two years as Commanding Officer of the 4th Tank Battalion. Over the past several years he has been a Northwest Liaison Officer between the Marines and FEMA, with responsibilities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii. Brian is a lieutenant with the Yakima County (WA) Sheriff's Office. Married to Tammy, they have three children, AJ, Tyler and Makayla. Brian is a member of Memorial Bible Church in Gleeed (WA) where he plays trumpet with the worship team. He is the son of **Chuck** (BA 57) and **Marilyn (Shoemaker BS 58) Winter**. **24**



TELL US YOUR STORY!

In an upcoming issue of 2|8|9, we will be telling stories about Grace alumni who are impacting the Kingdom of God through public service. If you or a Grace grad you know have a story to tell, we want to hear it! Email us at 289@grace.edu.

90s

Dr. Jeremy Helmuth (BA 99, MDiv 01) completed his Doctor of Ministry in Leadership Management from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in May 2011. He serves as the senior pastor of the Central Church in Fort Wayne IN. Dr. Helmuth resides in Fort Wayne with wife **Amy (Doron BS 00)**, and daughters Lily (7) and Ellen (3).
jeremyhelmuth@yahoo.com
and centralministries.com

In August 2011, **Mike** (BS 93, MDiv 96) **Yoder** began serving as the lead pastor of Grace Polaris Church, formally known as the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus OH. This larger congregation has been a leading church in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC) for several decades, led by **Dr. Jim Custer** (BA 60, BD 63, ThM 77, DDiv 91) and more recently by **Dr. David Plaster** (BA 71, MDiv 74, ThM 84) until his passing in 2010. Mike resides with wife **Letitia (Wiley BA 94)**, Hannah (12), Joshua (10), Cedric (6) and Alecia (4) in Lewis Center OH.

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In August 2011, **Matthew Baldwin** (BS 07) earned his Master of Science in Applied Statistics from West Chester University, West Chester PA. He and wife **Becky (Knepper BA 07)** live in Coatesville PA. Becky is in her third year of teaching second grade at Graystone Academy Charter School.
mrbaldwin623@gmail.com **25**

Steve Berlin (BA 05) works for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent. He and wife Sandy live in South Bend IN.
steveberlinski@gmail.com **26**

In July 2011, **Megan (Miller BS 09) Muldoon** completed her master's in counseling through Huntington University. Megan and husband **Jeff** (BS 09) reside in Broadview Heights OH.
muldoomm@gmail.com

Herbert Underwood (BS 07) has released a new book, "Dead Man Walking off Death Row." The book is endorsed by Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking." The book is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and directly from the author at wodrministries@gmail.com. **27**

After teaching preschool for a little more than six years, God directed and led **Amanda Zito** (BS 04) to Mooseheart Child City & School. Mooseheart is a residential childcare facility for ages

infant through high school, located on a 1,000-acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago IL. Amanda is excited to see how God will use her to impact the lives of the children at Mooseheart and is thankful to God for opening the doors for this opportunity in her life. For more information on Mooseheart, go to www.mooseheart.org. **28**

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Hope Ray (MA 10) lives in Grosse Pointe Park MI. She is a therapist at Macomb Community Mental Health. hope.k.ray@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Adair (BS 91) died at the age of 45 on July 20, 2011. He was born on April 13, 1966, to Richard and Carolyn (Conkling) Adair in Havelock NC. The Adair family moved to Cromwell IN and Michael graduated in 1984 from West Noble High School in Ligonier. He then attended Grace College and majored in psychology. Michael had a passion for music and toured with the Grace College choir. After graduation, he worked as a case manager at the Bowen Center in Warsaw IN. A member of the Broadway Christian Church, he ministered through playing the organ and piano. Michael loved the ocean and went sailing whenever possible. He is survived by his parents, sister Michelle Adair, brother Matthew and wife Sheri, grandfather Burlyn Conkling, four nephews and one niece.

Frederick Burklin (BA 56, MDiv 59) died May 13, 2011. He was born May 22, 1929, in Changshu, China, to missionary parents. His parents served with the China Inland Mission for 25 years and Fred's formative years were spent in China allowing him to gain experience with missionary work first hand. He came to know the Lord shortly after WWII when an elderly gentleman questioned him concerning his salvation. Fred then obtained degrees from Grace College and Seminary and later his ThM from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia PA. While at Grace, he met **Joyce Austin** (BS 57) and they were married in 1957. They had four children. In 1961, Fred joined the Greater Europe Mission and taught at the German Bible Institute until 1991. He continued to minister in Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, China, India, Sudan and Austria



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Calling all alumni to join us for the **Grace/Bethel** women's and men's basketball games on **Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.** There will be an alumni reception during the men's halftime. Come and visit with your past classmates!
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and remained active until the time of his passing. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, colleagues, former students and many whose lives he touched around the world.

Rosella Ruth Cochran (BC 54) died August 4, 2011, at the age of 85. Growing up in Iowa, she attended the Grace Brethren Church in Leon. Rosella graduated from Mount Ayr High School in 1942. She received her nursing degree from Broadlawns County Hospital, Des Moines IA, in 1946. Rosella came to Grace College and Seminary in 1952 and received her degree in Christian Education in 1954. She became a career missionary with the Grace Brethren Church and served in the Central African Republic from 1954 to 1986. After a brief retirement, she returned to the mission field in 1988. In 1990, she retired to Winona Lake IN. Rosella is survived by several nieces and nephews.

The **Reverend Leland J. Friesen** (MDiv 70) went home to be with the Lord following a courageous battle with cancer. He died May 26, 2011, at the age of 68. He was born on January 24, 1943, in Butterfield MN to the late John and Marie Friesen. He married the love of his life, Janelle Fuhrman, on July 18, 1964. A well-educated man, he graduated from Butterfield High School in 1961, earned his bachelor's degree from Grace Bible Institute in Omaha NE and a Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary. In 2007, Leland retired from the Brooksville Grace Brethren Church

in Florida. He served as the pastor for 11 years. Throughout his career, he ministered for 43 years, 37 of those years in various Grace Brethren churches. A devoted attendee of the Ashland Grace Brethren Church, he enjoyed fishing, camping, woodworking and reading – although spending time with his family and grandchildren was by far the more important part of his life. He is survived by Janelle, wife of 46 years, daughter **Shari** (BA 90) and husband **Nate** (C 96) **Benyousky**, son **Dr. Steve** (BS 94) and wife Stephanie **Friesen**; six grandchildren, Daniel, Joelle, Tara, Kaylee, Jason and Drew; two sisters, Shirley and husband Arnold Dick and Sandy Warling; and two brothers, Roger Friesen and Howard and wife Rhonda Friesen.

Rick Halberg (BA 74) died on April 29, 2011, three days after his 60th birthday. Born April 26, 1951, to Alan and Hilda Halberg, Rick was raised in Long Beach CA. He graduated from Brethren High School in Paramount CA in 1969. After receiving a bachelor's in English education from Grace, he returned to California and taught at his high school alma mater for seven years. In 1976, he married Linda Bruce. Rick worked briefly for Mutual Insurance and for Farmers and Merchant Bank in Long Beach CA. In April 2002, after a 20-year career, he was promoted to Facility Captain at the California State Prison-Corcoran, a maximum security institution housing some of the state's most dangerous and infamous inmates. The Halberg family then moved to Coeur d'Alene ID where

he worked for Cafe Courier and Pizza Hut. Rick had a black belt in karate and enjoyed basketball, skiing and hiking. He loved reading, studying, researching and discussing the Bible. Rick is survived by wife Linda; daughter Heather and husband Benjamin and her son Luther Barden; sons Joshua and Joseph; mother Hilda Louise Halberg; brothers **Roy** (C 69), **Roger** (C 72) and Randy Halberg and sister Cynthia Ho.

Gena Rose (Inman BS 78) Harrison died April 26, 2011, at the age of 56. She was born in Kankakee IL on December 17, 1954, a daughter of Rosemary Miller Inman, who survives, and the late Eugene Inman. Gena taught at Calvary Christian School for several years and was later employed at AVI Food Systems. She is survived by her mother, husband John, daughter Emily Frank, sons Jonathan and Allen, sister Kim Inman, brother **Eugene L. Inman** (BA 78) and wife Wanda, brother David Inman and wife Patty, grandchildren Destiny, Devine, Damian and Demetri Dick, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Grace Chapel Church.

Martin "Marty" Lacombe (C 68) died April 11, 2011, at the age of 62.

Charles E. Lawson (BA 59, MDiv 61) went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2011, at age 75. Charles was the beloved pastor of the Trotwood Grace Brethren Church (OH) for 46 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Fayth Ann, son **Charles** (BS 84, S 93) and wife **Linda (Mayer BS 84)**, son **Ken** (BS 85, S 07) and wife Kim, sister Joann Wright, brother William Lawson and grandsons Jarred, Caleb, Blake and Conner. The officiating pastor at his service was his good friend **Everett N. Caes** (S 55).

The **Reverend Lamont "Bucky" Mayes III** (BA 73) died February 7, 2011, at the age of 58. He served as the pastor of Nora Christian Center since 1980. In addition to his church ministry, he was a counselor, specializing in family and marriage relationships. Bucky and wife Joyce home-schooled their seven children and did much to support other home-schooling families in Indianapolis. He is survived by wife Joyce, children Jennifer, Jonathan, Jason, Joseph, Jeffrey, Joel and Joanna, parents Lamont Mayes, Jr. and Nancy Smith Mayes, brothers Dan and Tim, sisters Kathy Thom, Mary Bryan and Jane Herin.

The **Reverend James C. Sweeton** (BA 57, MDiv 57) died on July 15, 2011, at 80 years of age. Born in Los Angeles CA, he spent his high school years in Long Beach. He attended Poly Tech High School and excelled both academically and in the sports of track, baseball and football. He continued his education at the University of California Los Angeles and completed his bachelor's degree at John Brown University. He then attended Grace Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity. He earned a doctorate in Religious Philosophy from the University of Chicago. Reverend Sweeton served in the pastorate at Grace Brethren churches in Mansfield OH, Wheaton IL and Johnstown PA. While in Wheaton, he taught religious theology at Wheaton College. In addition, he was a published author. His master's thesis, "Trine Immersion in the Light of Scripture and Church History," was required reading in religion classes at Grace Seminary. Later in life he started many businesses, including James Sweeton Associates, a public relations firm in Chicago IL. An accomplished violinist, singer and choir director, he had a great love of music

which he shared with everyone. His sense of humor carried many people through difficult times. He was an extremely compassionate person and made a lasting impact on everyone he met. He is survived by wife Mary Kent Sweeton; first wife Marilyn Sweeton and their daughters Pam and her husband Byron Miller and Lisa and her husband Patrick Burke, sons Tim and wife Peggy Sweeton and Jeff and wife Dina Sweeton; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A worship service was held July 23 at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville IL with the **Reverend Alva Steffler** (BA 57, BD 59) officiating.

Jeffrey Mark Thornley (MDiv 79), 55, died May 3, 2011. Born May 10, 1955, in Fairbanks AK, he was the son of James F. Thornley and Olga Marie Simpson Thornley. Jeff grew up in the Washington suburbs of Virginia and Maryland. He lived in southern Maryland for the last 30 years of his life. Jeff graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in zoology. Following his graduation from Grace Theological Seminary, he became an assistant pastor at the Grace Brethren Church in Temple Hills and began a church in Charles County through a Bible study. He also started a Bible study in Frederick that later became Grace Community Church. He founded Grace Christian Academy in Waldorf in 1986. Jeff served as senior pastor of the church and headmaster of the school for more than 31 years. Numerous churches were started all over the world with the support of the Waldorf church and Jeff's mentoring of many people. He initiated ministries oriented toward meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs. His last sermon on May 1, 2011, captured

God's love as defined by 1 Corinthians 13. This was the measure of Jeff's life. He devoted himself to loving God, loving people and introducing others to the love of Christ. In addition to his parents, he is survived by wife **Cynthia (Holt BS 79)**, sons **John** (BS 04), **Paul** (BS 06) and Luke and sister Jana Thornley.

Pastor Bill Tweeddale (BD 57) died April 29, 2011, at the age of 79. He put his faith and hope in Jesus Christ, God's Son, and is now spending eternity with Him in the glories of Heaven. Bill was a faithful husband to Carol for 59 years; a devoted father to Steven, **Debra** (C 76), **Cheryl** (BS 84) and Billy; a loving brother and a beloved pastor since 1954, planting churches throughout Pennsylvania and Florida. A celebration of Pastor Bill's life was held on May 7 at the First Baptist Church of Melbourne.

The **Reverend Scott Weaver** (AA 50, BT 53) passed away June 13, 2011, at the age of 91. He was born on September 10, 1919, in Kokomo IN. He married Betty Lou Parker on December 24, 1940, and they shared 70 years of marriage together until his passing. His wife Betty survives along with their son Gerie Lee Weaver of Las Vegas CA. Also surviving are two grandsons, Andy McCargar and wife Emily and David McCargar and wife Kelly. Reverend Weaver was a loving and caring great-grandfather to six great-grandsons, Braden, Tyler, Zachary, Kolby, Grant and Ryan and great-granddaughter Grace. He studied for two years at Grace College and graduated from Grace Seminary with a Bachelor in Theology degree. After becoming an ordained minister, he established and ministered at several churches throughout the Michiana community. **Dr. Robert Divine** (MDiv 76) officiated at the funeral service.

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From the office of Grace Alumni Director

TAMMY DENLINGER

What an honor it is to have been selected as the new Grace College alumni director. Serendipitously, this fall is my 30-year class reunion! Much has happened since I graduated, and as the new director, I look forward to sharing with you what has transpired over the last three decades, as well as some of the new and exciting developments on the horizon.

I spent my first few days on campus walking down memory lane, overjoyed to see that the bell was still in front of Alpha Hall. My husband, Keith Denlinger (BS 81), rang that bell on the evening of our engagement 30 years ago this year! Although Grace looks different in many ways now, what has remained constant is its core values and beliefs. I was reminded of this when I attended Convocation Chapel on Sept. 7, and heard Dr. Manahan speaking about the goodness of our God. As I listened, I realized how blessed and grateful I am to be working for this institution where I can worship freely as part of my work day.

Since graduation, I have had two wonderful children. Lucas (20) is in his second year at Ball State University pursuing a geology degree and Andrew (25) graduated from Indiana University with an environmental management degree and works for the National Parks System and for the Student Conservation Association. Keith and I (and our three cats) live on a small lake in Kosciusko County. Keith works for Aramark here at Grace where I get to see him daily.

My career path has been both exciting and challenging. I have worked in the health care administration field for 25 plus years giving me a number of valuable experiences which will be beneficial to my new role. Most recently, as an executive director at Trilogy Health Services, I was responsible for the operations of a 110-bed health care campus. I also worked a number of years as Trilogy's regional director of sales and marketing for a three-state territory. Overall, my career has been centered on people — colleagues, employees and



patients of all ages and personality types. My master's degree in counseling from Grace has proved invaluable! The wheels are turning as I look where the Alumni Services Department is headed. I want to continue the work that has been started by reinforcing our foundation and by building relationships with our current and future alumni that will last a lifetime. I will work to extend and enrich the Grace experience by providing networking opportunities, programs, activities and services that celebrate our alumni and Grace Schools.

There is an amazing story to be told here at Grace, and I for one can say I am proud of what has happened here in the last 30 years since my graduation.

Looking forward to connecting in the near future,

Tammy Denlinger

Seldom does a month go by when someone doesn't say to me, "I could never do your job. I just could not ask people for money. How do you do it?" I often wonder to myself, "Well, why not? It is not really that hard." But after careful review, I understand what they are saying. The truth is that most people only define the office of advancement as an entity that asks for money; that could not be further from the truth. In fact, I consider working in advancement one of the greatest privileges I have ever been afforded.

For example, I remember the first time I had the privilege of sitting in Charles and Betty Boyer's home in Fremont, Ohio. They welcomed me as a long-time friend, and Betty fixed a meal that was fit for a king. Since I'm 6 feet 7 inches tall she just knew I could eat

all of that food. Charles could not wait to share with me their desire to finish their estate plan and include Grace. He, along with his financial adviser, had figured out that if they auctioned off a piece of property and set up a Charitable Remainder Trust, they would have income for as long as they lived and help further the mission of Grace College & Seminary. The day of the auction came, and we were very nervous but trusting that the property would sell for the right amount. We stopped to pray, and I'll never forget that prayer. The Boyers prayed, asking God to do far beyond anything we could ask and imagine. Their faith was so real and evident! I was honored to be invited by them to witness their faith and trust in the living God. I am blessed. The Lord called Charlie home this year; he will be missed.

Blessings of



Charles and Betty Boyer.



Ward (DipTh 48) and Agnes (S 47) Tressler.



Henry and Frances Weber.

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Ward Tressler (DipTh 48), a long-time pastor, called me one day and asked if I would stop by the next time I was in Ohio. He needed help with a gift that he and Agnes (S 47) wanted to make to Grace. I remember that when I came to their home, they wanted to know the procedure for giving a gift of stocks to the school. They then spent the remainder of our time together praying for Grace and then specifically for me. I am blessed. The Lord called Ward home this year; he will be missed.

Business owners Henry and Frances Weber have faithfully supported Grace for the last two decades. Henry served on the Grace Board for more than 16 years, and they have helped fund many Grace endeavors along the way, including the Westminster Hotel renovation. Their passion for students led them to establish a student financial aid endowment, and most recently, The Frances and Henry Weber School



at Grace College (see pages 8-9). The last time I spoke on the phone with Frances Weber, she asked me how she could pray for me. I am blessed. The Lord called Frances home this year; she will be missed, as well.

When people say to me that they could never do my job, I am reminded of Hebrews 12:1, that I am surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses who have prayed for Grace and for me. Yes, they were all donors to Grace, but they each left a legacy not only of giving financially, but also of praying for Grace.

As the Lord continues to call his saints home, I am excited to meet the new donors who will stand in their place here on earth and give to Grace College & Seminary as an act of worship to God.

I invite you to join them.



John R. Boal

Dr. John R. Boal | Chief Advancement Officer



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ONWARD➔

The **ONWARD➔** Capital Campaign has raised **over \$3 million** benefitting the student scholarship fund of Grace College and Seminary. As we press toward finishing our final year of the campaign by **December 31, 2011**, we want you to consider joining the many who are helping us raise the last \$970,000 with a tax-deductible year-end gift. You can help us **finish strong**.

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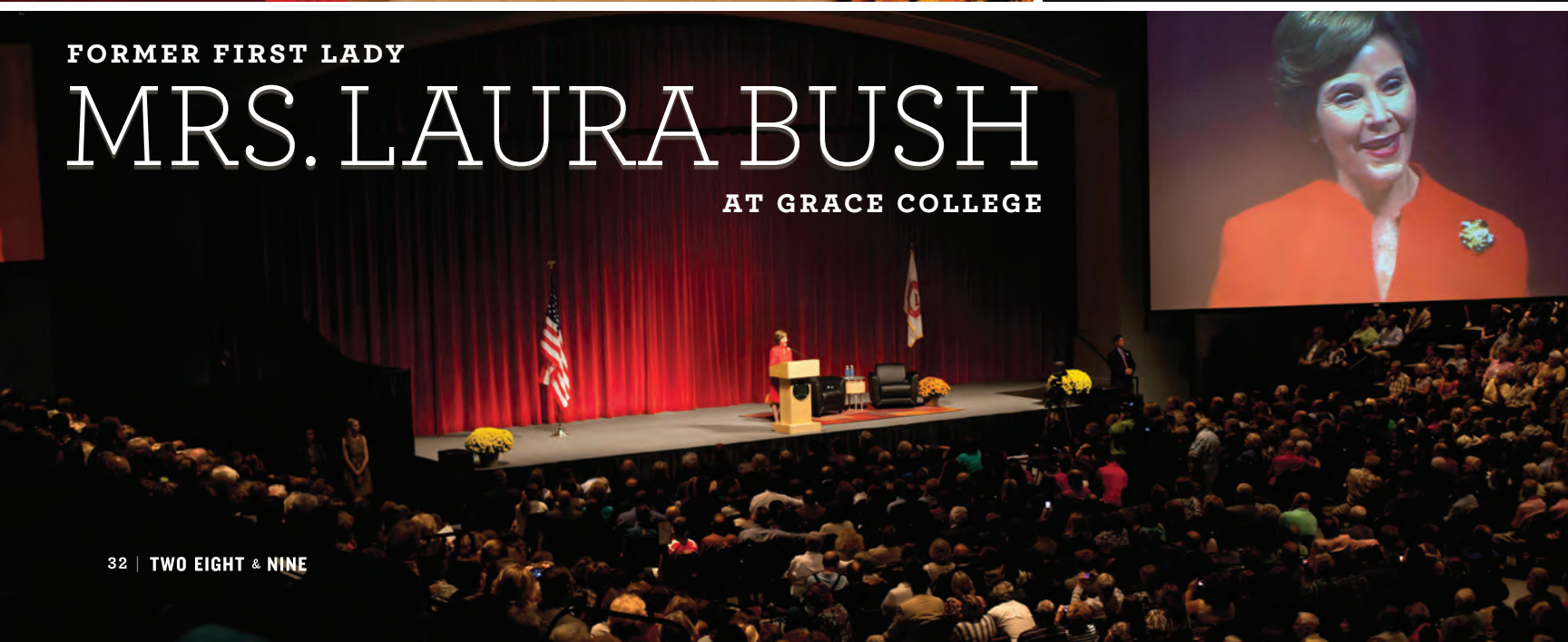


Former First Lady Mrs. Laura Bush shares her remarks on freedom and literacy before a sold-out crowd of 2,600 people at the Orthopaedic Capital Center on the Grace College & Seminary campus on Oct. 6. Mrs. Bush expressed her beliefs about freedom and literacy while sharing recollections from her years in the White House and beyond. She pinpointed reading and literacy as “one of the guiding passions” of her life. “I believe that every child in America should learn to read ... literacy is an essential foundation for democracy,” said Mrs. Bush. President Dr. Ron Manahan stated, “The former First Lady did an excellent job of highlighting the issues important to us if we are to raise up another generation of great Americans. It was a pleasure to hear Mrs. Bush speak so eloquently and passionately about issues that are on many of our hearts today. The sold-out audience is a testament to this area’s commitment to education and opportunities for each of its citizens.”

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Former First Lady Mrs. Laura Bush participates in a question-and-answer session with Grace's Chief Advancement Officer Dr. John Boal. During the session, Mrs. Bush advised college students and job seekers to "read widely" and to try to determine in what ways their gifts could be maximized for the benefit of society. Mrs. Bush concluded the question-and-answer session by thanking the Warsaw community at large for their warm welcome.

