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FAST FORWARD

DR. RON MANAHAN

TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION AND WHY PRESIDENT-ELECT **DR. BILL KATIP** IS GRACE'S PERFECT CHOICE FOR THAT FUTURE.



DR. RON MANAHAN ARRIVED ON The Campus of Grace College & Seminary 35 years ago.

During his first years as a Grace department chair and professor, Dr. Manahan demonstrated quiet, consistent excellence as he taught his classes and served on many committees with his peers. As his responsibilities and influence grew, Dr. Manahan served as academic dean, vice president for academic affairs and provost before he was finally elected as president in 1994. As president, Dr. Manahan led the reactivation of our beloved Seminary, restored hope to faculty who had remained loyal through a difficult decade and envisioned for all of us an institution of expanding interests, majors and challenges. He focused our attention upon developing competencies, not multiplying information. He spoke to our hearts about values and mission, not just maintaining dogma and tradition. It was also his gracious kindness that brought down the wall once hedging in and separating the campus from its community. Our once disenfranchised neighbors were now becoming our partners and friends. During the past several years, the Board of Trustees has partnered with Dr. Manahan in selecting the best time for his retirement. In March, he announced that he will lead his 20th graduation on May 11, 2013, as his last presidential activity. In anticipation of his retirement, Dr. Bill Katip was elected to serve on the Board in 2005. In 2007, President Manahan selected Dr. Katip to serve as provost of Grace Schools where he serves today.

Dr. Katip has a long and significant history with Grace as a former student, instructor and administrator. He earned his master's at Purdue University and doctorate at



Michigan State University. After serving at Grace for nine years, he left in 1983 to serve in various administrative positions at Grand Rapids Baptist College, Western Baptist College, Geneva College and Robert Morris University. Last fall, the Board asked Dr. Katip to succeed Dr. Manahan as president of Grace College & Seminary beginning May 12, 2013. Believing that God has called him to lead Grace in its next chapter, Dr. and Mrs. Katip have graciously accepted that assignment.

Dr. Katip has asked Dr. Manahan to join his administrative team as senior advisor to the president. Dr. and

Mrs. Manahan have agreed, and after they enjoy a sabbatical this fall, they will return to Grace and engage their unique gifts in this fresh ministry to our campus and community for what we hope will be many years of fruitful blessing and service.

Always faithful to our Lord and sensitive to our heritage, Dr. Manahan and his family have modeled a "community of grace" where those who wish to grow "in wisdom and stature — in favor with God and man" can develop habits of excellence and godliness. We celebrate how God has marvelously worked through the leadership of Dr. Manahan and eagerly anticipate His continued provision and guidance through the leadership of Dr. Katip.

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What's In A Name?

Two Eight & Nine references Ephesians 2: 8–9, the verses upon which Grace College & 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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A DURABILITY REQUIRED

In 1994 Grace College and Theological Seminary had a site visit from its regional institutional accreditor, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) remembers the walk-through assessment well. "The guy who chaired [the site visit] said to me, 'You know what Grace needs is someone who's going to be there for a while." Manahan had just assumed the role of president. In the turbulent time prior to his taking office, the school had struggled to stay buoyant in a mire of problems ranging from fragile finances and conflicting personalities to aging infrastructure. Manahan's first few years as president were a reconstruction period from what had been, in Manahan's words, "challenging times."

But as of April 2013, Manahan has been president for a full 20 years. And although his tenure will end at Commencement 2013, he will continue to serve Grace as senior advisor to President-elect Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74). So what is it that keeps him around, active and successful? He says simply, "If you believe something is valuable to do, work at it. And then hope that there's a way to bring people along." Which is exactly what he has done at Grace.

Some may revere a college president as an Atlas of sorts, a Titan who elevates and suspends the

mission, ideals and hopes of the institution on his shoulders, one knee bent to the ground with the weight. But the more you look into the decisions Manahan has guided Grace through, the more you realize that it's not first and foremost his intellectual or entrepreneurial brawn that's held the school up these two decades. Rather, it's a simple, underlying principle: Christ's irrevocable call for character, competence and service. It's for this clarion mission and in response to that call that Manahan joyfully serves God and Grace.

For his recent doctoral research, Dr. Jeff Gill (MDiv 82), dean of Grace Seminary, read all of Manahan's three-year goal plans and subsequent self-evaluations since his tenure began. "Ron considers himself to be the guardian and the leader in the fulfillment of Grace's mission," Gill says.

And, according to Manahan, that mission is the school's sustenance. "Fight tenaciously to understand and apply the mission," is his encouragement to leaders at Grace, present and future. And he supports this tenacity with an analogy that is central to why and how he's led: use the mission, not as a fence, but as a platform.

"He knew we had to change and adapt, and he pushed us to change, but never to the detriment of a quality education or our commitment to biblical values,"



THE GRADUATE / Dr. Manahan graduates with his Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary in 1970, receiving the Old Testament Award, the New Testament Award and the Preaching Award.



FATHERHOOD / Dr. Manahan with wife Barbara and firstborn daughter Kelly.

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says Katip, Grace's current provost. It's a firm balance between commitment to standards and an unbelievable sense of vision.

Mission statements are not impervious to the difficulties and trials that lie ahead of the future they preface. They require durable trustees - leaders who courageously steer into an opposing storm, dodge bullets and come through with deeper dedication and resolve. A leader who knows how to balance strength and humility, conviction and a listening ear — that leader can bring not only longevity to his role, but perspective. Such firsthand knowledge is what makes the organization tick while revealing improvements still required. Leaders that last like this are made of the rarest mettle. A mettle typically tempered by an intriguing backstory.

A DESTINY TO TEACH

Where it came from, Manahan can't explain. His parents grew up in extreme poverty, dropping out of school after grade six to help support their families. Manahan was the youngest of seven children, and they lived in the diminutive town of Paw Paw, Ill., where resources were few and money was tight. But he remembers it as clear as day. "As a 5- or 6-year-old kid I remember riding around on my trike thinking about teaching — at a college," recalls Manahan.

After graduating from Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (now a part of Cornerstone University), marrying fellow classmate, Barbara Campbell (July 18, 1964), earning his bachelor's from Shelton College (Cape May, NJ) and his Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary, Manahan was invited to join the faculty of Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. It was then, in 1973 – during Manahan's second year in his young teaching career – that student Les Lofquist (BA 79, MDiv 82) took his first of what would be 17 courses taught by Manahan.

"I loved him so much, I took any and every class he taught," says Lofquist, now IFCA International Executive Director. "Many people are brilliant and are unable to communicate that



DESTINED TO TEACH / Dr. Manahan received the Grace College McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1982.

brilliance. But Ron could. He'd start with the simplest premise and end with a very complex conclusion, and he brought you along from start to finish." That's one of the reasons why Lofquist says Manahan's classes were always crowded. "He was one of the most popular teachers at the school."

His intuitive understanding of people, relationships and God's love, intersected to make Manahan an outstanding teacher. But what many don't know about the inception of his teaching career is that professorship wasn't his first rodeo.

A SMALL TOWN PREACHER

Shortly after Manahan graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in 1970, he and Barbara moved to Orland, Ind., where Manahan became a pastor at a local church. He describes it as a church of about 40 people who had little knowledge of Scripture. One member even asked him why Christians did not study the Koran.

"I remember," he says, "the first time I went there to speak. When we left, I told my wife, 'One thing's clear. We aren't coming back here.' And that's where we ended up."

It was a pin-prick-sized town and, mostly because there was little else to do, Manahan went knocking on his congregation's doors in an attempt to get to know people. One man, a teacher by the name of Steve Keesler, was more than a little surprised to see "a preacher" at his house. Manahan recalls that the man laughed so hard that "he couldn't get control of himself." Keesler, unfortunately, was somewhat representative of the entire congregation's view of the conservative, gospel-driven man who had planted himself among them.

But, when the imperturbable, youngblooded pastor announced a Bible study, Keesler was one of the first to be intrigued. "You mean we could have [a Bible study] at our house?" Manahan said, yes, he meant it. And they did. Half the church showed up.

The next week, Keesler came knocking on Manahan's door. "You know this stuff you talk about?" he said. "I think I need that." Manahan recalls with reverence how that man's life was changed. "It was just radical. He couldn't shut his mouth about the faith. He was such a bearwrestling, tough dude."

Keesler was just the beginning. Before the Manahans followed God's calling yet again, the church had grown to 200, all believers.

"It wasn't anything we were doing," says Manahan. "It was something God had to do there."

Manahan and Barbara remember this 13-month experience as one of the best in their lives. Little did he know that he was about to relive almost the same story in a totally different setting. God had something to do at Grace too. And he chose that resolute preacher-turnedprofessor to do it.

A CONFIRMATION OVER LUNCH

Manahan had garnered a reputation as a great, introspective instructor, and Grace



THE ADMINISTRATOR / Dr. Manahan became Grace College's assistant academic dean and general education coordinator in 1985, the vice president for academic affairs in 1987 and Grace's first provost in 1990.

was privileged enough to welcome him back as a professor of biblical studies in 1977 where he faithfully and powerfully taught God's Word. But, before one day in 1982, Manahan wasn't sure whether or not his career at Grace had long-term roots. On that day, another Christian university in Ohio had offered him a contract to teach. Manahan and his wife were seriously looking into the possibility of moving because, for all they knew, Ohio was just the next place God was calling them to. But one man didn't think so.

"So, Homer Kent, Jr. (MDiv 50, ThM 52, ThD 56) took me out to lunch one day, and he said, 'I want you to know, we want you to stay," Manahan remembers. "It was a very helpful lunch. I think that God used that. That was a stake in the ground for us. And we said, 'OK. We're in for the duration.' We didn't know how long 'duration' was." That lunch, that decision, opened a gate to a winding but clear path for Manahan. The duration, as it turned out, led first to his appointment as vice president of academics and then provost. It was the first time the internal academic management position of provost existed at Grace, and Manahan was the perfect prototype to fill it.

"During the years I was provost, those were really turbulent years," says Manahan. He recalls meetings where faculty and administration brainstormed strategic ways to bring a shine to an institution that had been dulled by controversy and a subsequent identity crisis. But, while he did his job, participated in the meetings, strove for excellence, the gears were turning in Manahan's mind. And when — after controversial personnel changes nearly sunk Grace - he was asked to become acting president, the ruminating idea manifested itself in a request. "I think that a search [for the new president] should be done ... and I want to be included in the search [process]." It was and he was. Dedicated to a willingness to serve and a relentless commitment to accountability, he became, not just acting president, but president in 1994. It was a massive and often problematic inheritance in the beginning, but the inception of his career at the helm began, not with a declaration of confidence on his part, but with yet another request.

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"I felt that I needed to be evaluated on a systematic structure." To date, no such structure was in existence. But Manahan's request prompted a new system, one that not only assessed the work of the president, but one that probed his board of trustees as well. This prompted a three-year movement of internal- and external-based review, self-evaluation and goal-setting that, in the midst of what had been some of the institution's darkest days, became the rungs in the ladder which led upward toward a new horizon.

A CHAMPION FOR RESTORATION

Less than two years into Manahan's presidency, God began to do big things at Grace. "The day he decided that Grace should buy Westminster is the day that Grace turned the corner," says Grace's Dean of the School of Adult and Community Education Dr. Steve Grill (BA 70). It was 1996, and Grace hadn't seen new programs in more than 15 years or buildings in more than 20 years. But there were bigger problems. The local community saw Grace as a fencedoff island that wasn't interested in the needs of the community.

"The community felt like all we ever did was ask them for money for projects we never completed and which contributed little back to the community," laments Grill. So when Manahan decided Grace should buy the dilapidated and soon-tobe-torn-down Westminster Hotel — an old relic to the Winona Lake community — there was plenty of skepticism.

The Board conducted a feasibility study to determine if it could raise enough money to renovate the building. The conclusion was overwhelmingly negative. There wasn't a dime to be raised from the community. But Manahan wasn't swayed. He went to the Board and said, "We can either dry up and go away or get connected to the community."

"And, thank the Lord," comments Provost Bill Katip, "the Board accepted his recommendation to proceed."



CHANGING OF THE GUARD / In 1994 Dr. Manahan succeeded Dr. John Davis (MDiv 62, ThM 64, ThD 67) as the fifth president of Grace College & Seminary. Dr. Homer Kent, Jr. (MDiv 50, ThM 52, ThD 56) is pictured left.

Dr. Richard Dilling

Professor of Mathematics and Science at Grace College for 45 years until his retirement in 2011.

"One of Ron's first visions was for Grace to have a distinctive common core general education curriculum. He saw this as being developed around a set of values. To implement this, he appointed a faculty task force to work with him on the set of values Grace would use. He realized that faculty must be totally committed to these for them to work. so he secured a grant from The Lilly Foundation to take a large number of faculty members to Williamsburg, Va., in late May for 10 days, where we focused on historical consciousness, community and critical thinking. Since that time my primary focus of personal academic development was to study original sources in science and math and then incorporate them in my classes."

Few in the community thought the Westminster renovation project was a good idea. Community leader Jean Northenor, then executive vice president of Lake City Bank (Warsaw), remembers like it was yesterday: Manahan called her and asked her to come walk through Westminster with him. "One of the things I did for the bank was to build banks. So I understood the construction side of things. And oh my goodness. It was such a wreck. There were birds flying around in there! My thought was, 'This should just be bull-dozed." But Northenor says there was a sparkle in Manahan's eyes. He believed so confidently that the project could be completed that she decided the only option was to help him.

Manahan formed a committee of community group leaders, and Grill says the only reason it worked is because Manahan's vision was for more than Grace; this project wasn't just about meeting another need for Grace, it was about serving the community. Northenor and several other community leaders agreed to join Manahan's committee, and vision became reality. The committee raised the several million dollars needed to renovate the building.

"He made me a believer," marvels Northenor. "I hardly know how. But next thing I know, I'm on the phone, calling everyone I can think of to donate to this project. And just when I think I can't raise a dime more, we meet with Ron, and I walk out thinking, 'OK. We can do this. I can make some more phone calls."

Northenor calls Manahan's ability to make people believe the impossible his "quiet, humble strength." Manahan isn't charismatic. He isn't fiery. On the contrary, he's reserved and poised. You have to lean in to hear him talk. "But somehow you can't turn him down. If he asks you to do something, you do it. I don't see anyone saying no. And when you say yes, you can be sure he'll work harder than anyone else."

To this day, the first floor of Westminster is used often for community needs. Grace and the community are inseparable now.

Where most see obstacles, Manahan sees opportunity. Westminster was a chance to save and restore a community landmark and create not just more living quarters for Grace students, but meeting and conference space for the community. Of even greater consequence, it was a chance to win over the heart of the community.

Dr. Dane Miller, former president of orthopaedic company Biomet Inc., testifies, "If you say there is something the community needs, Dr. Manahan is on it in a heartbeat."

A UNIFIER & COLLABORATOR

Home to the largest three orthopaedic companies in the world, Warsaw, Ind., is practically synonymous with orthopaedics. So when Manahan was at a seminar in Indianapolis and the speaker inquired what would happen if the orthopaedic companies decided to relocate, an idea began to germinate in Manahan's mind.

Getting the "Big Three" together had never been done before. They were competitors, battling for market share, skilled employees and patents. They



Dr. Richard Jeffreys

Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry

"I believe that Dr. Manahan is cognizant of the need for and the power of prayer. I have seen him in agony when making tough decisions concerning the campus. I have listened to him in prayer pleading with God for His guidance and direction. Dr. Manahan has prayed many times for me and the spiritual and medical needs of my family. Based upon the skill set and multi-tasking needed by the modern-day college president, I believe that the Lord chose Dr. Manahan for heading Grace Schools. He's had the ability to guide the school academically and yet confidently appeal to major contributors, all the while leading a life of reliance on God."

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wouldn't even get on the same plane together to travel to the same meeting. Nevertheless, in 2001 Manahan began having conversations with the leaders of Biomet, DePuy and Zimmer before inviting them to meet together to discuss the possibility of building and funding the Orthopaedic Capital Center (OCC), a facility that would be a rallying place for community businesses, Grace athletics, chapel and regional events.

Miller, the president of Biomet at the time, still remembers that first meeting. "The presidents of all three companies showed up for the meeting. I was thinking, 'This is going to work out really well or really badly, and I honestly don't know which.' Turned out, it went really well. We each made a commitment of \$1 million." It was the first time in history that the three largest orthopaedic players supported a joint project. Miller explains, "Ron just won't accept no for an answer. Even though there may be a lot of barriers, he just keeps the ball in play." Manahan's determined leadership proved to be more than a boon: it was a gamechanger. "Ron's character, integrity and persistence have given him an incredible reputation in the community, and you can see it on display in the OCC," says Grill.

A QUIET STRENGTH OBSERVED

Ron has the heart of a champion, the mind of a scholar and the soul of a theologian," savs former student and close friend Les Lofquist. Initially, you might not see Manahan's champion spirit. With his soft-spoken speech and listening ear, one might assume that Manahan is more passive in nature. On the contrary, when he believes in the Westminsters and the OCCs, he sees them to completion regardless of obstacles. Grill explains, "He doesn't care if it takes three, five or seven years to make it happen. He'll get everyone on board. He fulfills his vision so kindly and slowly, sometimes you don't even realize you've gotten on board.



THE ARCHITECT / Under Dr. Manahan's leadership, the Orthopaedic Capital Center was completed in 2007 and not only provides classroom, chapel and athletic space for Grace, but also serves as a community center.



Dr. Paulette Sauders

Chair of the Languages, Literature, and Communication Department; Professor of English and Journalism

"Dr. Manahan was the first president to really stress making connections in the community. Dr. Davis and Dr. Kent did that somewhat, urging faculty to belong to service clubs in town. But Dr. Manahan started a community advisory committee to find out community perceptions of Grace and to see how Grace could help the community. Also, I have always been impressed by the love and support he has shown to his wife Barbara — especially during her illness. But even when she was healthy, I could always see a great deal of love and respect between them."

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There's a deeper reservoir — a more powerful resolve — than most would ever understand."

Not only does he have the heart of a champion, but his mind is equally as strong. Some describe Manahan as "the smartest guy in the room." But many agree with Lofquist that a deepseated humility gracefully shrouds his brilliance. "It's a rare combination. Brilliant people are often arrogant. But Ron is both brilliant and humble."

Dr. Jeff Gill, dean of the Seminary, agrees. "He truly believes he doesn't have a corner on the truth. So he's diligent and persistent in soliciting input from everyone around the table. Even though he's the smartest guy in the room, because of his humility and listening skills, you'd never think he was the smartest guy in the room." Gill and Northenor say it's common for Manahan to be the last person to speak in a discussion, and often, he has to be asked to give his input before he will.

Undergirding his quiet strength and his brilliant mind is Manahan's theology. Every decision is sifted through God's Word. Lamarr Lark (BS 87), a Grace Board member and a former student and protégé of Manahan's, says he's been most profoundly impacted by Manahan's belief in, understanding of and commitment to the Bible. "There have been some very difficult, painful, gut-wrenching decisions he's had to make, from cutting programs to letting go of faculty and staff. Regardless of what's happening, he always goes back to the Word of God, putting his full trust in the same God that parted the Red Sea and was with Daniel in the lion's den."

AN EDUCATION REFORMER

In November of 2011 Manahan went to Washington, D.C. He took a seat with a number of other educational experts and prepared to present to the Congressional Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training on the topic of "Keeping College Within Reach." Manahan, along with other educational minds, offered his perspective on what higher education schools like Grace could do to stay competitive in an unpredictable economy.

When the recession hit in 2008, nobody wanted to take any chances. It was best to hunker down and ride out the storm. Enrollments were declining across higher education institutions. Colleges were cutting staff and programs to compensate for lost revenue. But Manahan saw the economic downturn differently because, where others see threats, Manahan sees possibilities.

At the hearing, Manahan gave extensive detail about how Grace had been able to brave the waters of the recession by rethinking otherwise traditional educational methods. He spoke of strategy and innovation, bolstering the school's endeavors by discussing its philosophical and religious underpinnings.

More than one member of that congressional committee was impressed by Manahan's revelation of Grace's multi-site Weber School, the carefully monitored cost-control that kept tuition so competitive and many other original initiatives.



Dr. Don DeYoung (MDiv 83)

Chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics

"Grace has matured in living out creation stewardship since Ron's presidency began. The campus shows this emphasis with open environmental green spaces, replacement of the Gatke dump site by the OCC, an environmental science major, tree plantings, etc. In past years Ron taught the summer course Environmental Ethics for Au Sable Environmental Institute in northern Michigan, a Christian field station dedicated to outdoor studies. Many Grace students have taken courses at Au Sable over the years. Ron's Au Sable participation shows his heart for caring for our present-day creation."

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At the end of the hearing, Manahan spoke out one last time in support of "transparency" in how tuition prices were marketed. "To the degree there is a lack of transparency, it diminishes the value of the education, and people begin to sense that deeply," he remarked. Honesty in a time of crisis, he advocated, was still the best policy.

"Ron truly saw the economic crisis as an opportunity. He believes you have to be able to take advantage of a crisis. Not that he didn't have some sleepless nights, because he did. But ultimately he saw potential," says Gill.

Mix together the ashes of the recession and one man's resolve and what do you get? Grace's extraordinarily popular three-year bachelor's degree program. It just goes to show what integrity and competence can do to open doors.

A CONSENSUS BUILDER

During his presidency, Manahan has been a calculating risk-taker, if there is such a thing. He may be the first to see an opportunity, but he takes time assessing it from every angle. "He has this ability to weigh all the pieces and sides. He's so patient, so thoughtful and deliberates so much on things," admires Katip. And while he's evaluating an opportunity, he seeks input from as many people as possible, offering up the data he's discovered and inviting others to offer input.

Manahan's deliberateness not only ensured a more successful decisionmaking process, but it also built consensus. "Before we came up with the three-year degree option," remembers Katip, "Ron just kept bringing us data week after week about the recession. Eventually we started to dig deeper and asked him if we should form a committee to investigate possible solutions. I think Ron knew where he wanted us to go from the very beginning. But he let us get there ourselves and along the way, not only did he create buy-in from his team, but it became clearer to him how we might offer students a more affordable education."

Manahan doesn't come with a lot of flair or fanfare, says Dr. Dane Miller, community benefactor and co-founder of Biomet, Inc. Instead, he quietly goes about his business and gets the job done. "He's the kind of guy that you don't know how fast he's moving and how far he's come until you look behind him. He's very understated. You look around and all of sudden you realize where you were yesterday is not where you are today."

That almost imperceptible — though monumental — progression is born from a heart that is bent on pleasing God and serving others.

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It's typical for leaders to get shortsighted in pursuit of the "big prize" — to miss the most important milestones in attaining the most public ones. Nothing could be further from the truth for the president of Grace College & Seminary.

While Manahan has been at Grace, standards have been high, but tangible



Dr. Marcia Lee

Professor of Biological Science

"Dr. Manahan's leadership has involved vision, a commitment to prayer and a process of thinking about what's best for the school. He's not so much a reactionary as proactive. He has his ideas and his vision, and he always looked to the Lord for leadership. It's his overall pensive, quiet yet persistent personality that has helped him and us go through some pretty difficult times. Part of that was purposefully seeking help and finding help to get the campus buildings we needed, and I'm very thankful for that."

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and visible progress has not usurped his passion for students and spiritual infrastructure. Manahan plowed both fields and hearts. He believed in the power of modeling, mentoring and discipleship — that faculty members and administrators should live kingdomfocused lives that students can observe, interact with and imitate as they study.

"So, a graduate goes out after graduation," says Manahan, "... and hopefully they've had some model in front of them who said, 'So how will you live in your community. What is God asking you to do? What voice will you have? Will it only be in your basement to yourself? Or will you live in that rough-and-tumble world, where you may not have exact Bible verses to answer questions, but where God is calling you ... to be there, and to be a light."

This means things can get messy. "And that means feeling uncomfortable," Manahan says. But the mess is a given. Storms are a given. Failure is a given. But we still need to pursue "kingdom work" as Manahan calls it. The question he hopes drives the school forward is, "How do we get to the point where we run toward that and not away from it?"

The answer begins with our faith in the One who promises to instruct and counsel us in the way we should go and equip us for the purposes to which He calls us. And Manahan believes this with a unique staunchness. Barbara Manahan (C 86) reflectively commented on her husband's life and leadership, saying, "Early on, Ron started regularly reciting the beginning of Hebrews 11:6: 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.'' The faithfulness of God to those who follow by faith is also a given.

And if he ever smiles that grand, wide smile of his — the one that greeted you in the halls and on the sidewalk, or as you were handed your degree with a hearty handshake — it's because he knows without a doubt there is perfect joy in God's pleasure, perfect contentment in finishing strong and any mess along the way is worth it. The glory is a given. *****



THE CHIEF LEADER / During Dr. Manahan's presidency, Grace's enrollment grew from 835 students to 1821; the college implemented a three-year degree program; its marketing was revamped; the operating budget more than tripled; and numerous programs and partnerships were established.

Nancy Weimer

Executive Assistant to the President

"I believe Ron has two characteristics that are unusual in tandem — he is highly relational and highly visionary. I can probably name only two people that have both of those characteristics, and Ron is one. Ron will give people time and time and time. When someone is with him, he does not seem to be cognizant of the passing of time. From the beginning I believe he has known where he wanted to see God take Grace. Although exact changes in our culture and technology would not have been foreseen in the past twenty years, Ron has known that we have to be adaptable to changes and the way higher education is done. He has empowered those under him to be creative in problem solving, and he himself has spent countless hours thinking through the challenges of Christian higher education."

DR. RON PRESIDENT OF GRACE COLLEGE & SEMINARY MANAHAN

CELEBRATING A LIFE OF SERVICE & ACHIEVEMENT

70 Old Testament Award, New Testament Award, Preaching Award, Grace Theological Seminary

McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching, Grace College



Diploma, Grand Rapids School of **Bible and Music**

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BA Shelton

College



73 Chair. Biblical Studies Dept., Grand Rapids School of **Bible and Music**

ThM Grace Theological Seminary; Chair, Religion & Philosophy, Grace College



Vice President for Academic Affairs, Grace College

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DR. MANAHAN'S PRESIDENCY WILL BE REMEMBERED BY HIS UNCANNY ABILITY TO MAKE THE UNATTAINABLE, ATTAINABLE.

Dr. Dane Miller, former president of orthopaedic giant Biomet, puts it this way: "When it doesn't look like it's going to be possible to get an idea implemented, that's when he does his best work. [Manahan] is motived by the impossible."

During one of his first months as president, Manahan met with a prominent community leader who aptly described the school's precarious state. He warned, "'If you don't hit a home run ... the community's going to kiss [Grace] goodbye. It's the bottom of the ninth. Three-two count. You're a run down, there's a guy on first. If you're going

to win, you better hit that ball, and it'd better be a homer." Manahan hit his first homerun with the Westminster project and since then, he's hit a whole lot more.

But it hasn't come as a surprise. One of Manahan's favorite verses to quote is Ephesians 3:20: "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory" Manahan's faith in God has birthed more homeruns during his 20-year tenure as president than anyone imagined. Glory be to God.



BEHIND EVERY GOOD MANAGEMENT by KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Behind great leaders, there are usually equally great helpmates. Husbands or wives who are steadfast, loyal and largely unsung. Those who support their leadership by faithfully equipping them to do what they're called to do.

Ron and Barbara Manahan have been married almost 49 years. It's a milestone that in today's world is its own powerful testimony. "I think we have the finest marriage on the face of the earth. That is the truth. And it's so great because Ron makes it that way," says Barbara. Ron never completes a prayer at home without including this request: "Help Barbara to know how much I love her." And it's evident she does.

Their kids, Kelly (Manahan BA 90) Geisler and Nathan Manahan (BS 99) would say they are also the finest parents on the face of the earth. Geisler, their firstborn, is quick to heap praise on her parents, rattling off the numerous qualities she admires in them and the countless memories of their support. One of her favorite childhood memories is laughing together as a family on her parents' bed. "We'd be hanging out in my mom and dad's bedroom, lying across their bed watching TV. Dad would be acting ridiculously and saying funny things, and we'd be laughing so hard we'd be holding our bellies, hardly able to catch our breath."

True to form, it was Ron's wit that first attracted Barbara to him while they both were attending Grand Rapids School of Music and Bible. "He's a really funny guy. His humor is so dry you almost have to know him to appreciate it. He has me laughing all the time." In fact, Barbara points to Ron's sense of humor as being one of the reasons he's been able to lead Grace Schools for so long. Though she says there have been some marvelously happy days, there have also been some extremely difficult days. "God fitted Ron for this job, in multiple ways. His sense of humor has saved more than one day. He can almost always find something to laugh about in every situation."

Besides his wit, Barbara was also attracted to his kindness. "He's always had that gentle spirit ... I would say that's one of his most prominent characteristics." Geisler concurred recalling that one of the biggest impacts on her life has been how her dad pursued her and her brother in a patient and gentle way. "I remember as a teenager, when my emotions were all over the map, Dad, in his kind, persistent way, was always able to break through that. Always. And that meant the world to me because I knew no matter what, there was a soft place to land."

It's another way Barbara says Ron has been able to thrive in his presidency. "He bears no malice of any kind. He can slough off criticism." After 20 years at the helm, Barbara testifies that God has truly given them a love for everyone at Grace. "I can think of no one, no one that we dislike! When Ron leaves he'll want everyone to know how much he has loved them. And I think that has been a strength of his presidency. He truly loves the staff and faculty." Nathan, their son, says love is the hallmark of his family. "My parents have taught me that no matter what I do or how bad I think things are, two things are true: God is in control and loves me, and my parents love me."

Barbara says she's loved being the wife of the president. "But not in the first lady sense," she clarifies. "I love supporting Ron at every turn, up and down, whatever has come along. I've gotten a lot of joy out of that. I believe that is what God intended for both of us." Not only is Barbara a sounding board for Ron, she's also his prayer warrior. "[Ron] will ask me what I think about a certain situation and I always tell him, but my biggest support is praying for him throughout each day." It's a habit Geisler treasures about her mom. "She is a prayer warrior like none other. There were so many obstacles in my life that I believe God directed me through only because my parents would pray." Nathan agrees: "There are many times when I have been around and they don't know I hear them praving together — for our family, friends and Grace. I cannot overstate how often and how focused these times of prayer are. I really believe it is the greatest way my mom has supported my dad."

Barbara's favorite verse, Nahum 1:7, may have something to do with her selfless perspective and diligent prayer life: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows them that trust in Him."

After serving Grace for 35 years, navigating deficits, curricular reform, organizational restructuring, building projects and an economic downturn, Barbara says she and Ron haven't sacrificed anything at all. "On the contrary," she reflects, "we've been enriched and blessed through our experiences."

Our campus family has truly been graced by the Manahans. *

FAST FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE OF GRACE



Candid observation of a visionary leader reveals someone who interprets the times in which we live while studying and recognizing a trajectory toward an even better future. Dr. Ron Manahan is an observant and perceptive student of the future — a missional steward. As he finishes his 20th and final year as president, Manahan offers some thoughts on what the future might hold.

Recently, 2|8|9 asked Manahan to help give our alumni and readership a glimpse of the future he envisions the future context of higher education, the trend for collaborative partnerships between the marketplace and the academy, the employability of graduates and the growing importance and value of the mission of Grace College.

2|8|9:

What is the trending responsibility higher education has to the future student?

MANAHAN:

"The role of higher education for the foreseeable future will be to make college affordable and save families money without diluting the experience or the marketplace value of the education. I don't foresee the economic issues facing families getting better anytime soon. We are facing unprecedented challenges as a nation that will continue to make it extremely difficult for tomorrow's students to afford a college degree."

2|8|9:

How is Grace poised to respond and help?

MANAHAN:

"The administration and faculty of Grace College have been working tirelessly for the last five years to implement a new affordable education option for students that reduces costs by more than 25 percent. It's one of the nation's first successful three-year degree programs across all majors. As a result, we are seeing more and more students elect to accelerate their degrees in order to save money or move to graduate degree programs sooner. We are also taking Grace to the city. We have satellite schools offering economical associates degrees in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne with more cities to follow."

2|8|9:

How will technology impact the classroom at Grace?

MANAHAN:

"There is a student-driven technology revolution happening. Future students will increasingly be bringing their own technology, tablets, smartphones and apps to class and will find friendlier connectivity and environments offered by colleges. The use of tablets like the iPad have made the process of content distribution, note-taking, library research and student publishing so much easier."

2|8|9:

What is a MOOC and how will it impact a Grace education?

MANAHAN:

"Another consideration relative to flexibility and combating cost is the rise of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses). These courses — being offered by learning communities like UdacityTM and CourseraTM — typically involve several hundred or even several thousand people participating in a *free* online learning environment. Imagine that, free college. They are taught by instructors all over the world in places like Johns Hopkins University and Stanford. The opportunity for us is to figure out a way to accredit and accept these types of classes, helping students logically stack these credits as a part of their more 'personalized' degree. Aggressive high school students could effectively come to college with half of their requirements already done."

2|8|9:

What do you mean by "stackable and personalized" degrees?

MANAHAN:

"We've known economic realities would drive technological innovation. What is surprising us is that these innovations also promote less uniformity in higher education. The Grace College of the future will still have many broad and traditional degree programs, but I believe the advent of 'stackable certificates' and customized personal degrees will lead to more individual outcomes which are likely to have much smaller price tags. The degrees will usher in an era of new graduation requirements, more efficient streamlined coursework and a higher degree of employability."

2|8|9:

What do you specifically mean by employability?

MANAHAN:

"We're very privileged to be a part of the greater Warsaw community. Warsaw has a long history in the orthopaedic industry. We have collaborated with orthopaedic leaders and asked the question of what the perfect career-ready graduate would look like. Their feedback has been instrumental in helping us envision and design the future classrooms and applied learning experiences required to produce that outcome. We are pursuing this collaboration in other industries as well. We are finding that the role of the student heading into the future will not only be learning a specific industry knowledge base, but also learning how to be life-long learners. Employers want thinkers. They want creators and innovators. They want change-agents and solution-providers. They increasingly want people with a moral, ethical and personal integrity. They want students with character."

2|8|9:

And that brings us back to your devotion to our mission.

MANAHAN:

"Precisely. One thing I know about the future, one thing we can bank on is the fact that there will be an even deeper need for the deeply formative qualities of character, competence and service in both the marketplace and in ministry. Although our methods must change continually, our mission won't ever change. I believe Grace College will be uniquely positioned to graduate that extremely balanced servant leader." *****

ANCHORED THROUGH THE CHANGE

2|8|9 TALKED WITH DR. MANAHAN AT LENGTH ABOUT THE COMING TRANSITION. THE ESTEEM HE HAS FOR DR. BILL KATIP WAS EXTREMELY EVIDENT, AND HIS OUTLOOK FOR THE SCHOOL REPLETE WITH CONFIDENCE.

"I believe Dr. Bill Katip is the right leader to be at the helm of Grace in the years to come," says Manahan. "I am profoundly grateful for Bill's partnership with me as provost over the past six years. Bill has aggressively and thoughtfully assisted me in moving the institution forward during economically challenging times. His higher education knowledge base and experience runs deep and his heart for God still deeper. I believe our future is extremely bright, secured in the brilliance of the amazing God we serve."

After Grace College & Seminary's 2013 Commencement, Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) will become president of the institution. He brings nearly four decades of higher education experience with him, having worked at five different colleges and seminaries. Although Katip began his higher education career at Grace and served here for nine years, in 1983 he left to become dean of students at Grand Rapids Baptist

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College. Later he joined the administration team at Western Baptist College, Geneva College and Robert Morris University. After 24 years, he returned to Grace as provost. His 24-year "sabbatical" from Grace prepared him to partner with Dr. Manahan during some of the most economically challenging times of Manahan's presidency.

During the last six years of their partnership, Katip has reciprocated his esteem for Dr. Manahan. "I've witnessed how Ron carefully evaluates every angle of an opportunity, solicits wise counsel and input and submits every decision to the will of God. I greatly appreciate his rigorous adherence to the mission, his servant's heart towards Grace's local community and his extraordinary love for our students. Ron has modeled for me what it means to walk humbly with our God, and that has been exceedingly influential in my leadership development."

It's why when asked what attracted him to the presidency, Katip points immediately to the call of God. "Apart from God's prompting, I wouldn't consider it. These are challenging days in higher education as the landscape continues to shift and the economic outlook remains dim. It's only because of a clear calling from the Lord that I accept the responsibilities of the presidency." Although Katip comes to the presidency humbly, he's excited about the future of the institution. He says the staff and faculty possess a unity that is difficult to find in most universities, and their willingness to adapt, grow and work hard is endless.

The students also keep Katip passionate about his job. "I love the way our students love each other and love our community. I love how they're passionate about learning in the classroom, on the field and in the world. And chiefly, I love that our students care about growing and maturing in their walk with the Lord." It's why he's so passionate about the mission of Grace to strengthen students' character, sharpen their competencies, prepare their hearts for service and remain faithful to the Word of God. As Katip gets ready to assume the presidency, he wants to start by listening to students, faculty, staff, friends in the local community, alumni, pastors and friends in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC). Although the Board has charged Katip with continuing to move the institution forward, he believes the best way to do this is to take time to receive input from others and most importantly, from God.

"The Lord speaks through the psalmist in Psalm 46:10 where He says, '... Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.' I am committed to spending a lot of time on my knees in prayer as I begin this new journey. We have a clear promise in the book of James that we can ask for wisdom and expect to receive it. I am claiming this promise and calling on all our friends and alumni to pray with me that the Lord will make clear His plans for the months and years to come." ***** 14



An Staten Stand





The Entrepreneurship and Services Practicum (ESP) class at Grace College requires students to start and run their own business. Students brainstorm ideas for products, conduct market research, obtain a loan and market their product. This year's class designed and sold Grace tumblers. After securing a \$5,000 loan and implementing a marketing campaign, the class sold all 450 tumblers, earning a profit of more than \$1,000. Students presented a check from their profits to Our Father's House, a local thrift store and homeless shelter where the students volunteered a total of 130 hours of community service throughout the course. "We want students to apply sound business principles to their start-up company, and that also means practicing serving the community around them," explains Dean of the School of Business Dr. Jeff Fawcett. *

Pictured right to left are ESP students: Paul Kent, J.T. Jacobson, Katie Blemker, Caitlin Steiner, Phil Bieri, Mike Reitz and Joseph Nishimoto.

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ALUM NOTES

Connecting with our family of friends

DOWN THE AISLE



Theodore Whitby and Carol (Froehlich BS 65) : June 26, 2012. The Whitbys are at home in New Holland PA. 01



Jared Doot and Rebekah Harlos (AS Nursing 09): June 23, 2012. rharlos1@ juno.com 02

Michael Jennys (BS 09) and Elizabeth Hardy (BS 12): October 11, 2012. The Jennys reside in Winona Lake IN. 03

Dan Sloat and April Shuttleworth (BS 08): September 8, 2012. April received her MBA from Indiana University/ Purdue University Fort Wayne (IN) in May 2012. She is currently employed as an international program management analyst with ITT Exelis in Fort Wayne IN. Dan also works at ITT Exelis as a senior programmer/analyst. 04



Steven Keltner and Stephanie Owens (BS 12): November 24, 2012. The Keltners live in Holland MI.

owenss190@gmail.com 05

Tyler Nicholson (BA 10) and Alicia Sullivan: August 5, 2011. The Nicholsons are at home in Chippewa Lake OH. nicholtc@gmail.com 06

Nate Salsgiver and Liz Sisson (BS 10, MA 11): August 25, 2012. Nate and Liz live in Fresno CA. sissonliz@gmail.com

Elliott Smith (C 13) and Kelly Smoker (BS 10): July 7, 2012. Kelly is a second-grade teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School in Warsaw IN. Elliott is a current student at Grace College. kelly.smoker@yahoo.com 08

Jeremy Smith (BM 10) and Kylee Barnett: August 11, 2011. Jeremy graduated with a Master of Music, Trombone Performance, from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA. The Smiths reside in Marengo OH.

FUTURE ALUMNI







Scott (BA 05) and Holly Borchelt: Keira Jade, August 8, 2012. Keira joins Ruth (3) and Thalia (3) at

home in Etna Green IN. Scott received his MBA from Indiana University/Purdue University Fort Wayne (IN) in June 2012. scottborchelt@yahoo.com 10

Staff Sergeant Michael and Johanna (Belke BS 08) Dawson: Lydia Kay, July 30, 2012. The Dawson family is at home in Dillsburg PA. mikeandjodawson@gmail.com 11

Robert and Amber (Edwards BS 01) Hanshaw: Deacon Robert, October 25, 2012. Deacon joins Amelia (7), James (4) and Naomi (3) in Acworth GA. chateauhanshaw@yahoo.com 12

Jeremy (BS 08) and Kelly Kane: Emma Joy, April 12, 2012. The Kane family resides in Apple Creek OH. jeremykelly.kane@gmail.com

Correction: Eric and Kara (Shirley BA 01) Kimes: Jaxon Cooper, August 18, 2011. Jaxon's photo was not included with his birth announcement in the summer 2012 issue. 13













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John (BS 07) and Paula (Ellis AS 07) Leeper: Alexander Daniel, March 13, 2012. The Leeper family lives in Warsaw IN. leeps0519@gmail.com

Christopher (BS 04) and Emily (Rummel BS 04) Lofquist: Reed Christopher, September 6, 2012. Reed joins Carter (3) at home in York PA. 14

Jordan (BS 06, MA 12) and Bethany (Vaughn BA 06) Muck: Gianna Lynn, April 8, 2012. Gianna joins Corinne (2) at home in Bremen IN. Jordan completed his Master of Ministry Studies in May. He is the lead pastor of Community Gospel Church in Bremen. bethany.muck@gmail.com 15

John and Leigha (Ratliff BS 05) Neubert: Lucas Robert, September 24, 2011. The Neuberts live in Lexington Park MD. jlneubert@juno.com 16

Jonathan (BA 06, S 06) and Christine Potter: Audrey Jane Tomlinson, November 18, 2011. In May, Jonathan graduated with a Master of Arts and Religion from Yale Divinity School. In August, the family moved to Georgia so that Jon could attend Emory University to work on a PhD in New Testament. Even in the uncertain times, God has truly been faithful. The Potters are thankful for all that God has done and look forward to seeing what He will do next. 17

Lex and Amy (Forrest BS 04) Roberson: Ronald Jackson, October 18, 2010, and Anna Katherine, September 4, 2012. The Roberson family resides in McDonough GA. forrest_amy@hotmail.com 18



Curtis (BS 12) and Brittany Matteson: Sophia Ann, July 6. 2011. The Matteson family lives in Marion IN. curtismatteson@gmail.com

CLASS NOTES



Dave Mitchell (BA 65, MDiv 77) served with the US Army from 1965 to 1967. From 1966 to 1967, he was

stationed in Vietnam. Dave shares that he was trained in Morse code to be a forward observer. However, upon arriving at his duty base he was informed that no one knew Morse code. Since Dave had an art degree from Grace College, he was assigned to working with high security charts. Dave shares, "The job perhaps saved my life or me from severe injuries due to the fact that being a forward observer was one of the most dangerous of assignments. Knowing the Lord at such a time and place was of course the greatest thing that could happen. While we were in harm's way from time to time, the peace of knowing Christ was with me even in times of not knowing exactly what might be the outcome of the situation. Also, it was a great opportunity to share Christ when most faced the future with uncertainty and fear of what might happen while in Vietnam." Dave retired after serving as pastor of the Waipio Grace Brethren Church in Mililani HI for 24 years. He is the father of two Grace alumni, Steven (C93) and Mark Mitchell (BS 97, MA 02) and is married to Betty (Engle C 64). Dave and Betty now reside in Warsaw IN. crazyfox65@gmail.com

In November 2012, David **80**s K. Floyd (BS 84) was appointed group president, orthopaedics, of Stryker

Corporation and will also be responsible for Stryker's Spine division. Stryker is one of the world's leading medical technology companies and is dedicated to helping health care professionals perform their jobs more efficiently while enhancing patient care. The company offers a diverse array of innovative medical technologies. including reconstructive, medical and surgical, and neurotechnology and spine products. David joins Stryker after 25 years in the medical technology and orthopaedics industry where he has held a number of senior level leadership roles at DePuy, a division of Johnson and Johnson, Abbott Spine, AxioMed Spine, Centerpulse Orthopaedics and most recently as chief executive officer for OrthoWorx. "David brings a strong medical device and orthopaedic perspective to Stryker through his successful leadership roles in a broad range of enterprises, including a venture backed startup, middle market med tech and large cap multinationals. He is a proven leader who has demonstrated the ability to drive profitable growth through innovation and we are delighted to have David join our executive team at Stryker," states Kevin A. Lobo, president and chief executive officer of Stryker.

Gary (BA 83) and Kris (Varner C 81) Harris have lived in Alaska for 14 years. For the last five years, Gary has worked as a micro-tech computer network technician for the State of Alaska and Kris is an office manager for a family physician. Son Ty and daughter Cassie live and work in Kenai AK. Daughter Chelsie graduated from University of Alaska South East in May and left in August 2012 to teach





















REACHING OUT FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

As I write this letter, it's a blustery 19 degrees in Winona Lake, but I know spring is just around the corner. And with its arrival, I look forward to the opportunity to see more of your faces. We will be celebrating our Golden Graduates (class of '63) over graduation weekend, May 9–11, and we've established Homecoming 2013 dates: Nov. 1–2. I hope to see many of you at these events! To stay up to date on our events visit www.grace.edu/alumni/events.

For those of you have given to the Alumni Advisory Council's 75th Anniversary Gift Initiative – which will provide scholarships to students of alumni – my deepest thanks. We've reached 44 percent of our goal! There's still time to give, and we need your help to reach \$75,000. See page 29 for more details.

If you're interested in using your skills and passions to serve Grace College & Seminary, working with a talented team of people and becoming more involved with our alumni, I'd like to invite you to consider joining the Alumni Advisory Council (AAC). The AAC helps Grace Schools and me to better understand the desires and needs of our alumni and works to strengthen our alumni's connection to one another. If you're interested in serving in this role, contact me at (574) 372-5100, ext. 6129 for further information and an application.

Don't forget to check our website www.grace.edu/alumni for upcoming events and information. You can also follow us on Facebook (search "Grace Alumni Community"). Stop in for coffee at the Alumni Services Office in the Orthopaedic Capital Center anytime. The door is always open!

May God fill you with the knowledge of His great redeeming work in your life.



Jammy Derlinger

Tammy Denlinger (95 81, MA 88) | Director of Alumni Relations

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UPCOMING Events

May 9-11

Class of 1963 Golden Graduate 50 Year Reunion

June 5

Orthotec Conference Grace Alumni Reception

June 7-9

The Northern Indiana Lakes Festival

July 16 - 21

Momentum 2013 at Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion IN)

August 3

Southern California Alumni and Friends Gathering

November 1-2

2013 Homecoming: (class reunions that end in 3 and 8)

May 30-June 10, 2014

"Best of Israel" 12-day trip to the Holy Land hosted by Alumni Services and Dr. Tiberius Rata

Visit www.grace. edu/alumni/events for more information and to register for these events.

Alum Notes

English in Japan for the next year. In his spare time, Gary enjoys photography and exhibits his work at wonderwowphotos. com. He says, "Living in Alaska has provided a lot of photo opportunities and I love capturing them!" Kris is very involved in women's ministry in their local church and has been the featured speaker at many women's events. Gary and Kris love to show off their beautiful Alaska to guests from the lower 48 states. wonderwowphotos@gmail.com 19



Caroline (Bush BS 98) Aukeman recently ended her 14-year career as a graphic designer for Mutual Insurance Company

Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company to stay home full time with her two boys Caleb (7) and Owen (3). She is married to **Terry** (BS 98) and they live in Winona Lake IN. caukeman@gmail.com

Aaron Scantlen (C 99) released a CD, "A Night of Worship with Aaron Scantlen," through Unscene Records in October 2012. Aaron is currently pursuing a master of arts in ministry degree through Grace Seminary. He and wife Sarah (Regier BSW 00) reside in Winona Lake IN. www.AaronScantlen.com Booking@AaronScantlen.com 20

> Christine (Rice BS 05) McHenry completed her masters in elementary education through the

University of Phoenix in 2011. She and husband Matthew celebrated 9 years of marriage this spring. Matthew recently published "Released" (Tate Publishing) to be released early 2013. The book is available in both Christian and secular bookstores. The McHenrys currently do not have children, but look forward to starting a family soon. christine_mchenry2010@hotmail.com

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Stephani (Hart BS 03) Rogers is a stay-athome mom and has begun teaching GED courses at the Lafayette Parish Sherriff's Correctional Facility. This opportunity has opened doors for ministry to inmates and those on home detention and work release. Stephani resides in Lafayette LA with husband Thomas and son Cohen (1). stephaniandmocha@yahoo.com 22



On January 13, **Steven E.** Williams (DMin 10) was installed as the new senior

pastor of Grace Community Church of Seal Beach (CA). Pastor Steve and wife Trish have been members of Grace Church since 1989, serving with the college ministry. Steve served under Donald Shoemaker (BA 66, MDiv 69) until his retirement in January 2012. Pastor Shoemaker states, "Steve has a disciplined and practical mind for grasping and applying the Bible's teaching. He has the heart necessary to provide good pastoral care for members of the church. He cares about Seal Beach and wants to see the church be a vital force of service for God in the community." As he takes on his new role Steve says, "I look forward to leading Grace Community Church in fulfilling our goal of being a blessing to Seal Beach and surrounding communities. We are a church that expresses God's love through compassionate actions so others become followers of Jesus. This has been our desire for more than 65 years, and I am confident that we will continue this ministry for years to come." Grace Community Church began as First Brethren Church in Seal Beach in the early 1940s and has grown to have a significant presence in the community.









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FAREWELL TO A BELOVED PROFESSOR

DR. E. MICHAEL "MIKE" GRILL, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, ENTERED Heaven on March 26, 2013, After Battling Leukemia at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne, Ind., at the Age of 67.

Mike was born on November 29, 1945, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Adam Edward "Ed" Grill and Kittie (Myers) Grill, who survives in Winona Lake, Ind. On August 12, 1967, he married Rebecca Jo Flick, who also survives in Winona Lake.

He will be lovingly remembered by his son, Josh (wife Amy) Grill of Winona Lake; granddaughter Anna and grandson Ethan; and his brother Steve (wife Susan) Grill of Winona Lake. He was preceded in death by his father.

Mike was a long time resident of Winona Lake where he lived since his graduation from Grace College in 1967. He earned his master's degree as well as his doctorate from Ball State University. He served Grace College for 35 years where he was a professor, dean and an award-winning tennis coach. He was the recipient of the Grace College Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1980.

He was an elder in the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church where he was a member for 43 years and he served 16 years on both the Winona Lake Plan Commission and the Winona Lake Board of Zoning Appeals. He was honored with the Bill Reneker Memorial Community Service Award in 2006.

Mike was passionate about his relationship with Jesus Christ and about the power of prayer through the Holy Spirit. He loved his family and found great joy in his grandchildren. He was an athlete, and a teacher/mentor to thousands of Grace College students by whom he was truly beloved.

The Lord worked miracles in his life for many years as he faced leukemia, and his life was filled with prayer. He will be remembered for the profound influence he had on his community and in his college as he boldly shared his faith. He was greatly loved, and will be sorely missed, but is happy now with his Savior.

Memorial contributions in Mike's name may be directed to the World Compassion Network with which he joyfully shared the gospel of Jesus on numerous international mission trips: World Compassion Network, P.O. Box 1152, Warsaw, Indiana 46581-1152.

"Dr. Mike Grill had a remarkable career of teaching at Grace College, in the classroom to thousands and thousands of students and on the tennis court to generations of Grace athletes. And he taught those of us who served alongside him. I remember more than once asking for his valuable insight and receiving much needed help regarding relationships and circumstances. And his life taught us about the Holy Spirit and about prayer. He has found heaven home. I thank God for Dr. Mike Grill. His example challenges us to follow Christ more fully."

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Ronald E. Manahan | President

IN MEMORIAM

John Timothy Boren (C 73) went home to be with the Lord on November 12, 2012. He was 59. A lifetime resident of the Warsaw-Winona Lake IN area, John spent the last 17 years as the chaplain of the Kosciusko County jail. He was a member of the Warsaw-Winona Lake Gideon Camp, named Warsaw Man of the Year in 2008. and was a member of Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw. He is survived by wife Patricia "Patti" Marie (Balmer BS 75); sons losh and wife lennie, Matt (BS 05) and wife Monica (Spangle BS 05), Ben and wife Katy; daughter Johanna (current Grace student); grandchildren Whitney, Noah, Riley, Silas, Abner and Gracie; mother Lois Marie Boren; brother James (BS 78) and wife Loida; and sister Martha (C 81) and husband Bobby Housch. Pastor Jeff Pfeifer (C 98) and Jim Small (S 79) officiated the memorial service held at Community Grace Brethren.

Jerry J. Classen (MDiv 73), 69, passed away March 20, 2012. A memorial service was held at the Evangelical Free Church (Kearney NE) with Pastor Mike Shields and Pastor Brian Klein officiating. Jerry desired to serve the Lord as a pastor. He graduated from Grace University in Omaha NE, where he met and married Dori Nachtigal. He continued his studies at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake IN. Jerry and Dori have served in many churches during their 45 years of ministry. God has directed them throughout their journey and blessed them with five children, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Jerry is survived by wife Dori; daughters Michele Williamson, Jodi (Jarrod) Ridge; Lesli (Jeff) Thompson; sons Jeff and Chad (Angie); and sisters Charlene (Jared MDiv 72, ThM 74) Burkholder and Yvonne (Terry) Fenimore.

Charles Wayne Croker (DIPL 48, MDiv 49) died on November 20, 2012, at the age of 93. An avid hunter, he loved driving through Hoback Canyon (WY) in an opentopped Jeep. Wayne also enjoyed traveling and spent time exploring the United States as well as Europe. He embarked on several professions over the course of his life, including building homes and transporting cars. He worked for several years as a history and political science teacher and was popular with the students at East High School, Cheyenne WY. He is

survived by wife Dorothy; sons Bob (Heidi) and Michael (Carol); daughters Kathy (Gene) and Cokie (John); 20 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Raellen (Ingram C 83) Donley left this world to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 2, 2012, at the age of 51. She fought a long and courageous battle with diabetes and multiple sclerosis. Raellen was born in Valparaiso IN to Raymond and Roberta Ingram, and graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1979. She was an active student and was a member of the VHS swimming and gymnastics teams. Raellen attended Grace College from 1979 to 1981, Purdue University (North Central) and Johnson Bible College (Knoxville TN), before receiving her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Bethel College (Mishawaka IN) in 1985. She held an Indiana Teacher's Certificate and had received additional instructional training for the blind and hearing-impaired. Raellen is survived by her parents and her three brothers, Craig, Bob and Brent (Kelly), as well as her husband of 27 years, Curtis (BS 81), son Tyler, daughter Emilyn Shively (BS 11), son-in law Brian Shively (BS 12), grandson Logan Wilson, three nephews and one niece. In keeping with her giving spirit, her remains were donated for medical research and further study.

John Edward Gregory (MDiv 69), 73, passed away October 15, 2012. A graduate of Washington Bible College in Washington D.C., John completed his education with a master of divinity degree from Grace Theological Seminary. He served as associate pastor of the Melrose Garden Grace Brethren Church (Harrisburg PA) and as senior pastor of the Learnersville Grace Brethren Church (Duncansville PA) for almost 32 years. Most recently he was facilities coordinator at Community of Hope Church and The Youth Center (Columbia City IN). For many years, he was a member and served several times as moderator of the West Penn Ministerium. John served on the Board of Grace College and Seminary from 1994 to 2008. He is survived by wife Betty; sons Keith (BS 87) and wife Ruth and Daniel (BS 88, MDiv 96) and wife Jennifer (Anthony BS 88); daughter Stephanie (BA 92, MA Interpersonal Relationships 06, MA Counseling 08) and husband Jeremy Hammers; grandchildren Kyle, Kelsey, Joel, Jordan, Rachel, Aaron

and Kristen Gregory; sister Hazel Vahe Geukgeuzian; brother **Donald** (BS 70) and wife **Connie** (Kieffer C 72) and stepmother Nellie Morrison. John's funeral service was held at the Community of Hope Church with Jeremy Wike (BA 03, MDiv 06) and Daniel Gregory officiating.

Leslie D. Nutter (MDiv 74) went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 20, 2012. He was 71. In 1969, Les entered Grace Theological Seminary. While a student, he pastored Skinner Chapel in Twelve Miles IN. After graduation, he pastored the Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church in Wrightsville PA for 24 years. Les served in a number of leadership positions within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, including camp ministry, church planting, youth ministries and conference moderator. He was involved with the Your Bible Training Institute and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Grace College and Theological Seminary from 1990 through 1996. Prior to his passing, Les was involved in the York County Grace Brethren Church as an elder, Bible teacher, small group leader and served on numerous committees. He enjoyed his family and reading and had a great sense of humor. Les is survived by wife Frances; daughter Lynette (BS 89) and husband Gary (BS 89) Hoover; son Scott (BS 91) and wife Jennifer (BS 92); grandchildren Hanna and Madelyn Hoover and Jeremy and Emily Nutter; brother Newman Nutter and sister Glee Nutter. His memorial service was officiated by Kenneth Cosgrove (BD 66) and Daniel White (BA 72, MDiv 76, DMin 11).

Marian Thurston (BCE 51) died December 31, 2012, at the age of 87. Marian obtained her nursing degree and served as a medical missionary in the Central Africa Republic for nearly four decades. She is survived by her sister and nieces and neohews.

William Franklin Wiles (AA 50, DIPL 53), 84, died July 22, 2012. The founding pastor of the Valley Brethren Church, Hagerstown PA, he served a number of churches in his career. He is survived by sons Mark (Barbara) and Matthew; sisters Mary Grimsley and Linda Sieren Beloit; brother Jay Wiles; granddaughter Kristyna Shaffer; grandson Joshua Wiles; great-granddaughters Destiny, Emma and Makenna Shaffer and great-grandson Brodden. DR. JESSE D. HUMBERD (MDIV 54), THE LATE PROFESSOR EMERITUS WHO SERVED GRACE COLLEGE & SEMINARY FOR 37 YEARS, BEGAN TEACHING AT GRACE COLLEGE WHEN THE COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED AS A FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL IN 1954. Although he joined Grace as the chair and professor of science and mathematics, he taught more than 40 different courses, from calculus to geography, as the college grew.

In January 2012, two anonymous Grace alumni gifted \$75,000 to establish an endowed scholarship in honor of Dr. Humberd. The endowed fund will provide scholarship awards to students majoring in mathematics and science. With your generous support, the fund has grown to \$83,350! Help us reach our goal of \$100,000!



Dr. Jesse D. Humberd ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

To honor and continue the legacy of Dr. Humberd and invest in the lives of Grace students, contribute to the Dr. Jesse D. Humberd Endowed Scholarship by donating online at www.grace.edu/give (designate as "Humberd Endowed Scholarship"), calling (866) 448-3472 or mailing your gift to Grace College & Seminary, Office of Advancement, 200 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, IN 46590. "It was an honor to work alongside Dr. Jesse Humberd in the Grace Science and Math Department. His memory and positive impact remain fresh. Dr. Humberd designed the Cooley Science Center, patiently encouraged our teaching careers and modeled for us a Christian gentleman and scholar."

- **Dr. Don De Young** | Chair, Science and Math Department

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ALUMNI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

AN ALUMNI FAMILY LEGACY

Three generations of Grace Lancers: (left) grandparents Tom (MA 85) and Diane (S 87) Snow, (right) parents Craig (BS 91) and Sherri (Cobb BS 90) Snow and son Tyler Snow, a current sophomore at Grace College.

As Grace's 75th Anniversary celebration continues this year, alumni are being asked to embrace a long-term vision that focuses on building an alumni-family relationship to promote a legacy of Christ-centered higher education at Grace. The Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund has a targeted \$75,000 base goal to commemorate the 75th Anniversary, but the Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) is praying that generosity will far exceed that amount. The council's vision for this fund is that it ultimately paves the way for generations of Grace alumni children to be able to afford a Grace College education.

"Each generation gets handed the baton and it's their turn to make a difference in the race," says Jerry Abbitt (BA 84), cochair of the fundraising efforts to build the Alumni Endowed Scholarship. "It's our turn to make a lasting impact on the alumni family at Grace. This fund is uniquely tailored to help perpetuate the legacy of a Grace education." Abbitt says the fund is a step towards permanence for alumni families who want to make Grace not just a choice, but a tradition.

The fund has already reached 44 percent of its anniversary goal and continues to climb. Alumni are encouraged to give leadership gifts of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000, but Abbitt encourages people to "just get involved. This doesn't have to be heavy lifting. What we're asking for is participation across the board from all alumni at least at the commemorative \$75 level. A little bit from everyone will make a huge impact on future generations."

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children," Abbitt quotes from Proverbs 13:22. "I think that we are blessed as alumni to be able to give back because there were people who were paving the way for us through their gifts when we were students." The AAC sincerely hopes that graduation isn't the end of a student's relationship with the school, but the beginning of a new alumni-family experience. "This Fund is just one way the alumni family takes care of its own, and we hope we will continue to do so for generations to come," says Abbitt.

For more information, please contact the AAC at alumni@grace.edu.

To invest in the Alumni Endowed Scholarship 75th Anniversary Gift Initiative, visit www. grace.edu/give (designate "Alumni Endowed Scholarship"), call (866) 448-3472 or mail your gift to Grace College & Seminary, Office of Advancement, 200 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, IN 46590 (designate "Alumni Endowed Scholarship" on memo line).

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Under President Dr. Ron Manahan's leadership, Grace's student enrollment has more than doubled, and the campus has acquired and renovated or constructed six buildings. Grace's newest facility addition is nearly complete. Situated between Cooley Science Center and Beta Hall, the new residence hall will become home for up to 70 students this fall and will relieve Grace's record growth pains!

PROGRESS HAS A NEW ADDRESS