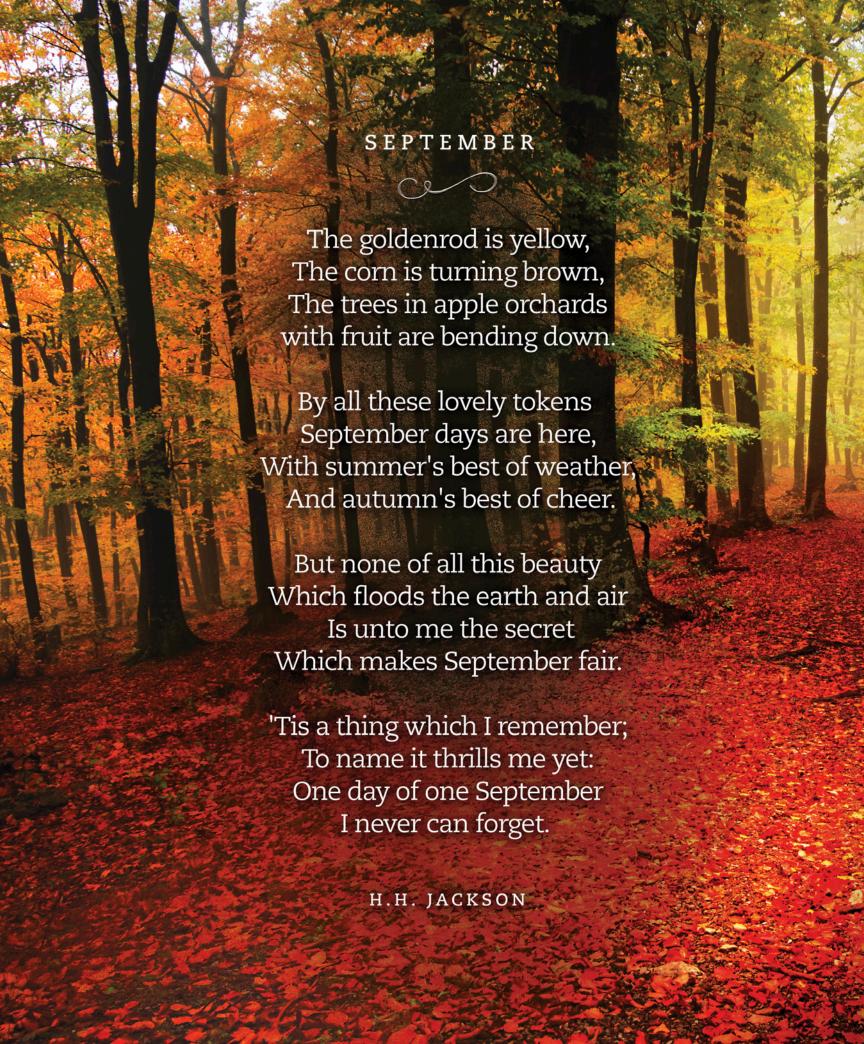
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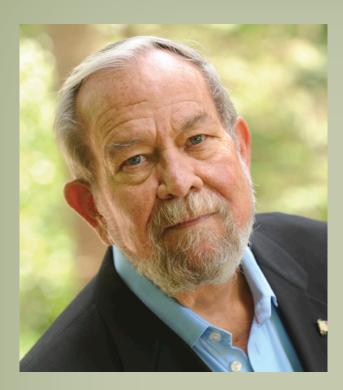
2000 (15 yrs.)

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Remember WHY YOU LOVED September



Dane Miller: A Friend RememberedBY TERRY WHITE (BME 64)

In the early 1900s, it was the industrial titans of the day who invested their time, money and influence to build the town of Winona Lake, Ind. The names are familiar — John D. Rockefeller, H. J. Heinz, John Wanamaker, John Studebaker, William Jennings Bryan and others.

But in the late 1990s, the town had fallen into disrepair. Some were even calling it a "slum" — until another industrial giant came to the rescue. Dr. Dane Miller, one of the co-founders of the orthopaedic manufacturing giant, Biomet, began to pour creativity, vision and money into Winona Lake. Today the Village at Winona is again a sparkling jewel on the southeastern shore of the northern Indiana lake. Dane Miller and his wife, Mary Louise, were the financial engine behind the "Park Avenue revival" that brought the town back to life, with over \$30 million of personal investment.

A native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Miller earned his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in Materials Science-Biomedical Engineering. He developed his career through positions with Zimmer, U.S.A. in Warsaw, Ind., and with Cutter Biomedical in San Diego, Calif. In 1977 Miller returned to Indiana and, along with three friends, formed Biomet, Inc. Miller served as president and CEO until his retirement in 2006. With Miller at the helm, Biomet grew

from \$17,000 in sales the first year to more than \$2.7 billion in annual sales. Its employee count — which now includes thousands of people in the Warsaw/Winona Lake area — increased from eight to more than 10,000 globally.

Miller used this success to benefit his community. Among many other generous gestures, he and his wife formed the Dr. Dane & Mary Louise Miller Foundation, Inc. in 1990. This nonprofit liberally supported the arts, recreation, education and other projects in and around Winona Lake, northern Indiana and elsewhere.

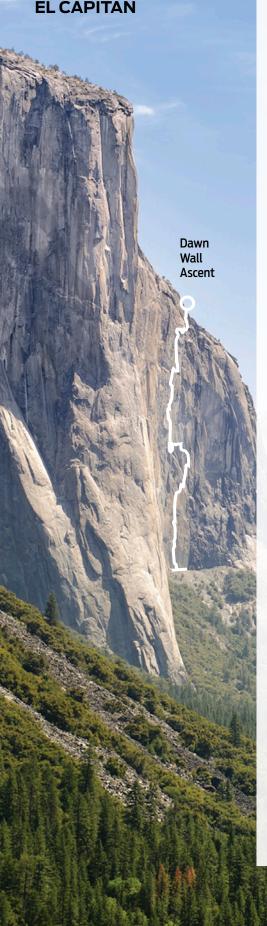
Miller also generously lent his wisdom, influence and finances to further Grace College & Seminary's mission. For example, the nearly \$10 million Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center (MOCC) was financed in large part by local orthopaedic firms including Miller's. One of his favorite quotes, from William James, aptly captures Miller's legacy of creating and giving: "The best use of life is to invest in something which will outlast your life."

Miller, 69, passed away on Feb. 10, 2015, at the Cleveland Clinic. His health had been declining for some time from a blood disease. A celebration-of-life service for Miller was held at the MOCC on Feb. 20, where Grace President Bill Katip (BA 74) honored Miller for the way he put his faith into actions: "Whether it was business, engineering, community or caring for the physical needs of people, [Miller] was always about others."

Miller was "one of the kindest, most generous and most humble" friends the school has ever had, Katip later said. Detailing dozens of ways in which Miller's financial support and influence have assisted Grace, Katip expressed his sympathy to Mary Louise Miller, to the Millers' two daughters and their families and to the thousands of employees and families who were impacted by his life and legacy.

Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82), who worked closely with Miller during his Grace presidency, perhaps knew Miller the best of all Grace personnel. "Dane was a remarkable combination of scientist, businessman and civic leader who took great delight in doing good for our community, where he lived for much of his adult life," Manahan said. "He was a good friend whose advice and wise counsel helped me evaluate with greater clarity a number of issues I faced. I admired his loyalty to family, to friendships and to goals he believed were important and good for others. As I drive around the Grace campus, I visualize his image over much of it. It was my delight to know him and to partner with him on various projects — Westminster Hall, Mount Memorial Hall and the MOCC, to name a few. He will be sorely missed."

Yosemite National Park



we Love RISK-TAKERS. In early February many of us watched two skilled Canadian extreme climbers ascend a frozen Niagara Falls — it had never been done before. A month earlier, we watched for 19 days as two climbers inched their way up the 3,000-foot face of Dawn Wall on El Capitan in Yosemite Park. And many of us had sweaty palms this past Nov. 2 as Nick Wallenda tightropewalked 600 feet above the Chicago River from the west Marina City Tower to the Leo Burnett building and continued blindfolded between the two Marina City towers.

This kind of bravery gets our adrenalin pumping and, when we succeed, gives us an incomparable satisfaction and sense of accomplishment.

The Bible is loaded with stories of people who put their lives and reputations on the line for God's sake. Pastor and theologian John Piper pointed out several of them in a sermon at Bethlehem Baptist Church:

JOAB: He took up arms for the cause of God and said, "May the Lord do what seems good to Him!" (2 Satmuel 10:12)

ESTHER: She offered her life for the Jewish people in exile and said, "If I perish, I perish!" (Esther 4:16)

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO:

They stood unflinching before the fiery furnace and said, "Even if God does not deliver us, be it known to you, O king, we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image." (Daniel 3:18)

PAUL: His life seemed to be round-the-clock risk, but he once said, "I do not count my life of any value nor as precious to myself if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus." (Acts 20:24)

At Grace, we're practicing this kind of bravery too. Why? Because we believe God wants us to be adventurous and bold in the ways we serve Him.

One example of that boldness is Measure of Grace. It's a new initiative that reduces tuition by nine percent for our incoming class and then reduces it by \$500 for returnees; it also provides free textbook rentals. Another example is our curricular innovation: We offer a three-year bachelor's degree program and a four-year bachelor's and master's combination degree program.

Additionally, we are re-imagining how theological education is delivered through Grace Seminary. The time has come to adapt once again, so we're exploring new methods to deliver the timeless message of Jesus Christ.

Moving forward, we are trusting our Lord for record-setting financial gifts for capital improvements, operations and scholarships. It is a huge step, but we believe God's people will be brave enough to rise to the challenge and respond to creative, innovative, responsible ideas.

We at Grace College & Seminary are able to move forward because of your prayers, financial support and personal encouragement as well as all the risks you've taken in trusting God's work for our future. But as you read this issue, ask yourself this question: How will you be brave this year for the Gospel?

Risking right along with you,



William J. Katip, Ph.D. (BA 74)
President

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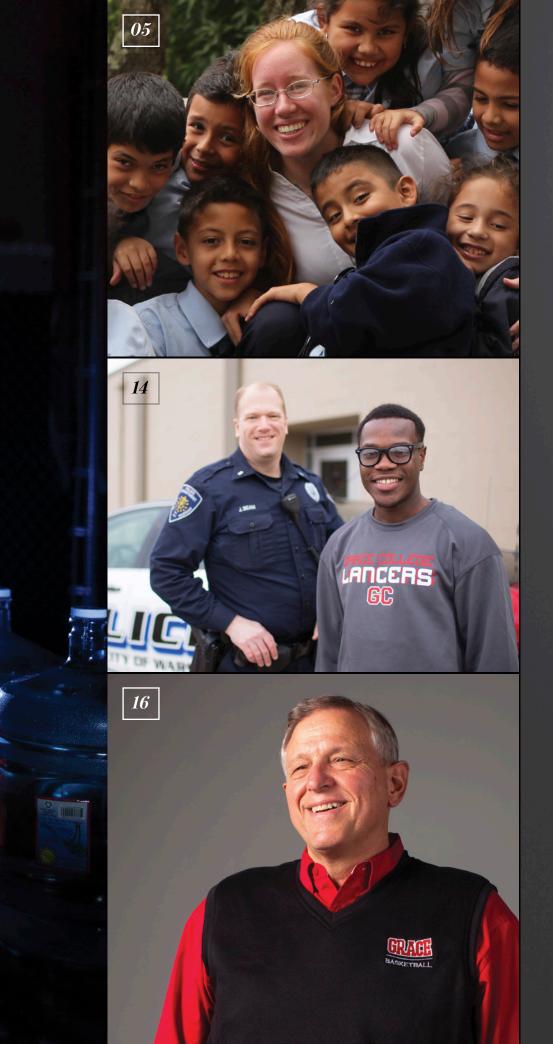
The first game of the men's basketball season began with a monumental win: It was Coach Jim Kessler's (BS 70) 700th win with the Lancers and makes him the 45th coach in college history to ever reach that mark.

ALUM NOTES

Catch up on your classmates' lives, and while you're at it, don't miss a special message from Drew Flamm, the vice president of advancement, about some exciting plans for the newly named Alumni Engagement Office.



Jim Brown (BA 94, MDiv 97), pastor of Grace Community Church (Goshen, Ind.)



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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 $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ — not by works, so that no one can boast."

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"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS! DO NOT TREMBLE OR BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO." JOSHUA 1:9

You don't have to look much further than this verse for God's definition of bravery. And not much has changed since God said this to Joshua. There are still giants in the land. There's still a call to stand firm. And there's still a scriptural exhortation to face our fears.

But we're not alone — the right hand of a mighty God is upon us.

Throughout U.S. history we've honored the men and women of our armed services with Distinguished Service Crosses for bravery. We've eulogized the intrepid spirit of the greatest generation who landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy. We've recognized the courage and selflessness of individuals willing to run into the rubble of 9/11 or the ruin of Hurricane Katrina.

When was the last time you thought of someone as "brave"? And what about you? Maybe the world needs your bravery.

As Christians we've seen our freedoms challenged, our values misrepresented and our faith mocked. The darkness of sin in our world seems to attack us in ways that are more sophisticated and covert with each generation.

We need brave individuals who will follow God and risk it all to bring the Gospel of Christ to a spiritually barren world. We need more dauntless men and women who show spiritual valor.

English-American writer Thomas Paine once said, "I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. Tis the business of little minds to shrink away, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death."

In this issue of 2|8|9 you'll encounter individuals like this, men and women who've grown brave reflecting on the Word of God at Grace College & Seminary. Emboldened to offer their very lives, each one has demonstrated that when God calls, we don't have to flinch or flee, only follow.

From Pastor Jim Brown's (BA 94, MDiv 97) spiritual reconnaissance and resupply ministry in war-torn Iraq to CreeAnn Gruenloh's (BA 13) obedience to follow God as a teacher in a rural city of Honduras, we hope your own faith will be challenged in reading about their bravery.



Kevin Sterner (C 94) Editor-in-Chief









Teaching the Message

Upper left and lower left: Pictured is CreeAnn Gruenloh (left) with her third-grade students. Right: Gracias, Honduras, has been home to Gruenloh since 2013.

DURING HER LAST SEMESTER AT GRACE, CREEANN GRUENLOH (BA 13) BEGAN AN ADVENTURE WITH SOMETHING COMPLETELY UNADVENTUROUS.

She was in the library over spring break doing some research for her senior seminar paper.

But her mind was elsewhere. "I thought researching things I could do *after* graduation would be a lot more fun," she remembers. So she started Googling.

Gruenloh had enjoyed two semesters in Argentina through Grace's study abroad program, so she began by looking up opportunities to work overseas. One link led to another, and suddenly she found herself on the website for Abundant Life Christian Schools. There was a teaching opportunity in Honduras in a little town called Gracias. If for nothing more than the interview experience, she contacted them. Then they contacted her back. A few short months later, Gruenloh was on a plane to Honduras: She was going to be a teacher.

"I didn't know anybody in Honduras; I had just heard of the school. It all happened so quickly," she says. "There were a lot of unknowns."

In fact, when Gruenloh first arrived in her new

home on August 5, 2013, almost everything was "unknown." She had a passion for the Gospel, a degree in Spanish and experience living overseas. What she *didn't* have was a teaching degree, a place to live or a very clearly defined view of the future.

But that's not what she was thinking about when she first laid eyes on her new hometown. "There were mountains everywhere," says the Indiana native. "I absolutely loved the mountains."

But her wide-eyed wonder didn't end with the skyline. When Gruenloh finally toured the school, she also saw her classroom for the "I remember distinctly sitting in one of Dr. Peugh's mission classes as a freshman," says Gruenloh. "He told us, Missionaries are risk-takers. Faith means that you are ready to go and take risks for Christ"

first time. "I saw the little empty desks where I knew my kids were going to be sitting." Walking around the streets, meeting her colleagues for the first time, taking in her new world, she was anxious to get started.

"I was a little bit scared about [being a teacher]," she remembers. Even though she had worked in a classroom setting before, she had never done anything as independent as this. "For me to be the sole responsible teacher for a group of 25 eight-year-olds was a little bit intimidating. I had been entrusted with 25 lives. It was a daunting task," she says, "but one that I was very excited about doing."

That sense of optimism has become Gruenloh's personal mainstay for her new life in Honduras. "I had no false impressions that moving abroad was going to be some easy, glamorous thing," she says.

And it hasn't been. Gracias certainly isn't the hardest place to live, but it has its dangers. One of the country's current safety issues is the major mosquito-borne Dengue Fever outbreak. "I use lots of bug spray and try to just trust God with the rest," says Gruenloh. "But I'd be lying if I said it didn't worry me sometimes. Ending up in our local hospital is at the very top of my 'Things not to do in Honduras' list!"

There was a time when, after she had only been there for a week, a missionary kid whose family lived in Gracias was kidnapped. "It felt like a horror movie playing out in real life, only with no guaranteed happy ending," remembers Gruenloh. "But God redeemed the nightmare into a testimony of His power to answer prayer and do the impossible. They got him back unharmed. I'm not sure I've ever felt so relieved."

Fortunately, the scary moments aren't the ones in the forefront of Gruenloh's memory. When she thinks about highlights from the last two years, she mostly remembers her students, especially kids like Nathalie.

One of Nathalie's legs is shorter than the other. She recently came back from the U.S. where she got her first surgery. "She has so much joy," says Gruenloh. "She loves to read, and she always wants to learn more about Jesus." You can hear the joy in Gruenloh's voice as she talks about her student's simple, sweet faith. "Oh, Miss Gruenloh," little Nathalie said right after she returned from her operation in the U.S., "I love [the movie] 'Frozen!" Then a moment's consideration. "But I love more Iesus!"

It's moments like this one that define Gruenloh's work. Part of the responsibility that weighed so heavily on her when she first arrived in Honduras was her role as the students' spiritual mentor. But opportunities to point her students towards the Gospel and the power of Christ's love were abundant in and outside of the classroom.

When the school's Christmas program rolled around, Gruenloh was informed that all the classes would participate in a dance routine.

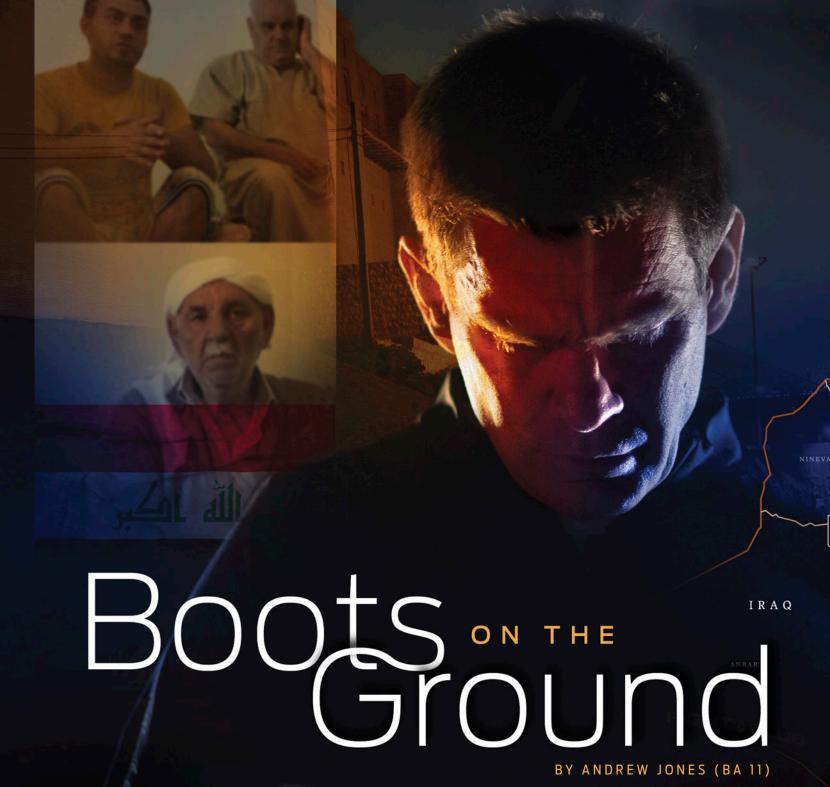
"[Dance] was something I've been passionate about since I was five years old," says Gruenloh, who even started a praise dance ministry during her time at Grace. "It's one of my absolute favorite things in the world, and this was an amazing opportunity to show the kids that dance could be their way of sharing Christ with the community." And that made sense to the kids. "This is our mensaje of Jesus!" one of her students said when she explained the significance of what they were doing. "This is our message!"

Gruenloh's message is a sort of dance itself: a fine balance between coping with the harsh equatorial realities of the Honduran environment — complete with itchy bug bites, huge cockroaches, relentless heat - and "seeing God's goodness in it all," as she puts it.

"I remember distinctly sitting in one of Dr. Peugh's (BA 65, BDiv 68, DMin 06) mission classes as a freshman," says Gruenloh. "He told us, 'Missionaries are risk-takers. Faith means that you are ready to go and take risks for Christ.' I remember so much truth from that class ... it still comes to my mind now." She recalls Grace's community as "an awesome launching pad."

At the beginning of 2015, Gruenloh wasn't sure whether or not she would stay in Gracias. There are still a lot of unknowns. But those words about risk are still ringing in her head. Just a few weeks ago, she decided to stay. "I think there's still more God wants to do here, and I want to be a part of it." Her reasoning reflects her undaunted spirit.

"I'm so much more confident now," she says, "... confident that God is going to work through me and in spite of me. And confident that, even when I am feeling super weak, God is still going to be strong, and He's still going to equip me to do what I need to do. He is my strength, even when the hard things come." *





IT'S SEPTEMBER OF 2014. DARKNESS SHROUDS THE CITY OF ERBIL. IRAO, IT'S 3:45 IN THE MORNING AS EIGHT AMERICAN MEN LOOK OUT OF THE SMALL PLANE AND **INTO THE UNKNOWN.** They're walking into a country under siege. They know all too well that mission organizations have been fleeing this region. But they're on a mission of their own. They're carrying 16 trunks of food, water and medical supplies, hundreds of pounds of gear on their backs and an undeniable sense of calling. Everything is ready. For them, it's go time.

Jim Brown (BA 94, MDiv 97), pastor of Grace Community Church in Goshen, Ind., says that his group's first few steps on Iraqi soil were nothing short of profound. "I remember huddling up as a team," he says. "I said, 'Guys, let's ask for God's protection. We know we're supposed to be here. We're asking God to show us the way." The huddle broke, and the team gave each other high fives. "Boots on the ground!" they said and began an operation that would change not only their lives, but those of hundreds of Iragis.

It was just a few weeks earlier that Brown found himself weeping at his desk over the escalating crisis in the Middle East. He had become overwhelmed by the oppression and acts of terror committed by the extremist group now infamously known as ISIS (or, The Islamic State). For Brown, a single sentence in I John kept haunting him: "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

Tears turned immediately to actions. Brown called the missions coordinator at his church and explained that he wanted to help, but that his vision for helping included more than just sending money. "I wanted boots on the ground," he said. That phrase and all of its operational urgency caught on and became the insignia of Grace Community's ambitious effort. Brown admits that it was crazy. And when eight men from his congregation heard about the opportunity and felt a distinct nudge from God to go, there was clearly some fear. Other mission organizations even warned against it. But "boots on the ground" was there to stay.

Everything fell quickly into place. The church raised around \$70,000. Supplies were purchased and prepared. The team made calls to appropriate government organizations to let them know about their intentions overseas. And in a matter of weeks, Brown's "boots" were on Iraqi soil and ready to follow wherever God was going to lead.

Brown is no stranger to this kind of "bootson" approach. Since 1996 his leadership at Grace Community Church has inspired people to activate and demonstrate their faith. Over the past two decades that spirit of service has helped the entire city of Nappanee, Ind., clean up from a tornado. It's seen two teams of workers form practically over night to provide hurricane Katrina relief and sent a team to rescue orphans in Cambodia and Thailand.

Of course Brown isn't much for self-praise, but he has high praise for the people who respond fearlessly to the call of Christ and those who train them. "Grace College & Seminary," he says, "they shaped me, they formed me, they poured into me. They helped me be the pastor, father, husband and man of God I am today." In much the same way, Brown is now helping shape and send people according to the principles of the Gospel. That dedication to results-oriented discipleship is at the core of his church's philosophy.

"If all evidence of our church was hauled away and when Sunday came around, people said 'I didn't even know they left,' then something's very wrong," says Brown.

How often does a church from a midsize Indiana town become headline news in international relief efforts? But for Brown and his church, Iraq is one of many missions bent on glorifying Jesus and serving their — local and international — community.

So what did that group of eight men accomplish? Brown's stories from the trip are manifold: Tales of prayer, unexpected cultural connections, acts of compassion and God's leading abound.

Brown specifically remembers the moment when one of the men felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to join a room full of nearly 100 Iraqi men drinking tea. None of Brown's group knew Arabic and none of them knew why they were being prompted toward these men. But they prayed and suddenly, a representative from the group approached them and said, "Do you speak English?" Suddenly, the team was telling him about their simple mission: to help the displaced people of Erbil in any way they

could. The hundred men listened as the man who spoke English told them what Brown's team had come to do. Brown asked if he could pray for them, and the group fell silent and rose to its feet. Brown climbed up on a chair and prayed. Unbelievably, these 100 men were the leadership of the town of Erbil — the chief voices for their people. "It was one of those moments you know you're right in the center of God's will," says Brown, describing a scene that could have been straight out of the book of Acts. "In the middle of ISIS-ridden Iraq, we told these leaders about the hope of Jesus Christ."

On their final day in Erbil, something happened. The team was sitting in an Iraqi real estate office and they felt that God wanted them to find and offer a place for refugees to live. All that week they had bonded with people in bomb-shelled skeletons of former buildings, in ramshackle tents, and shacks by the roadside — wherever people could manage to get a roof over their

heads. Brown knew these conditions were insufficient, and they had to help.

It was only a few short hours before departure, but the team found an apartment complex where they rented space to house 12 families. They hope to secure 20 more apartments in the future to accompany a church plant that's in the works.

"This is what we're supposed to do," says
Brown. "We're supposed to take the Gospel
to all the nations. It's not a strange thing or a
very radical thing ... it's just one of those steps
in my sanctification journey. We should be
ready to look death in the face and say 'to live
is Christ, and to die is gain."

Brown's willingness to live by this conviction
— where you don't just talk about following
Christ, you go there — certainly has its
dangers. But he believes in the joy of God's
calling; a calling that puts "boots on the
ground" wherever there is ground. **







Grace in Action

Left: Pictured is the team of eight men from Grace Community Church who traveled to Erbil, Iraq.

Upper right: Jim Brown (right) preaches with a translator at a church in Erbil, Iraq.

Bottom right: Grace Community Church team members haul supplies to Iraqi refugees.

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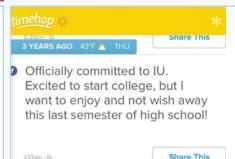


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BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)

Gifts to Grace College come in many shapes and sizes. A broad spectrum December 2014 a huge surprise suddenly appeared on our doorstep: the gift of land — a lakeside lot.

That's right. Property on the shores of Winona Lake has been given to the school, and it's one of the largest gifts we've ever received. So to whom should friends of the school forward their thank you letters?

To **Shirley "Sue" Fuson** and her family. Sue donated the land to the college both as a gesture of her own thanks to the school and as a remembrance of her husband, the late **Dr. Robert "Doc" Fuson** who passed away in 2012. Doc was a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine, taught Anatomy at Rutgers University and was a director of research and development at Ethicon, Division of Johnson & Johnson. He was a senior-vice president at Zimmer for over two decades and was a Kosciusko Community Foundation board member.

As a memorial, the property will be named "Doc and Sue Fuson Family **Leadership Learning Center**," and it will be a place where community thrives.

Plans aren't set in stone yet, but the property's usefulness is brimming with possibilities. Notable among these are an antique fire-truck museum and a music venue. Doc loved the MasterWorks Festival and antique automobiles. Overall, the center will be a place where Grace will take yet another step in connecting with the community.

> Grace President Bill Katip (BA 74) said that the property "is part of [God's] plan for Grace College & Seminary," noting that because this gift was a surprise, it's also a sign of God's work in the school's growth. "We thank and praise Him for this as well as for the overwhelming generosity and faithfulness of the Fuson family."









RACIAL TENSION IS STILL VERY REAL AND VERY

PERSONAL. The media-saturated deaths of Michael Brown, Tamir Rice and others sparked headlines, outrage and proactive movements in response to what is typically a racially biased legislative system. Is the "dream speech" Dr. King so eloquently delivered more than 50 years ago slipping from the public's memory? There are Christfollowers who say no, who are determined to reconcile, renew trust and demonstrate a better way to address the racial divide. Grace students and Black Student Association (BSA) members Tiler Reese and Ian Ross are on a mission to bridge that divide.

"We wanted to initiate a relationship with the Warsaw Police Department (WPD)," said Ross, "to build understanding, trust and accountability between black students and police officers." Through the help of Professor Allyn Decker, Reese connected with WPD's Chief Scott Whitaker in December and penned a program that puts BSA students in the front seat of a patrol car to ride along with WPD officers during their shifts. They call it the BSA Peace Rides.

"We want the officers to know the people they serve, because a lot of us [BSA students] grew up in different cities where we've had bad interactions with the police, where we or are friends were unfairly treated by white police officers," explained Ross.

Chief Whitaker loved the idea and shared the program with Lieutenant Joel Beam (BS 96) who set it in motion with his division. Beam saw it as an opportunity for the students to see why officers do certain things the way they do and put a face behind the badge. "We get to see our actions through their eyes, and that's where we can grow," he said.

In January, Ross went on his first ride-along. "We were in a blizzard and there was a guy wearing a hoodie, walking along the side of the road late at night. It didn't look good. We didn't know who he was or why he was walking. In that moment, I realized officers have a lot of variables to consider that I don't have to. I realized the potential dangers they face even with the most basic interactions they have."

Beam says he remembers when Ross shared how being black isn't just a skin color. It's a cultural difference. "I had never

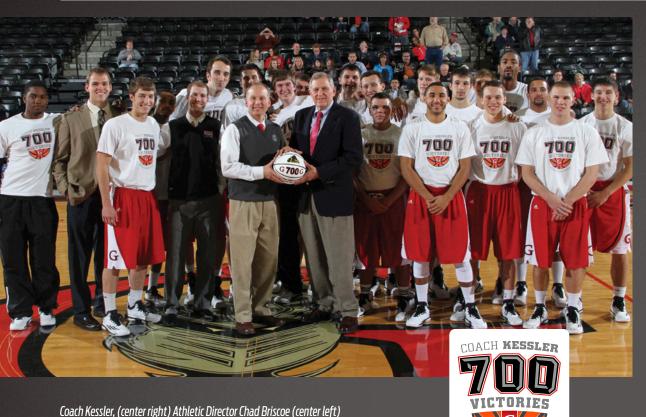
thought of that," said Beam. And the experience ended up being an education for both of them. "When I got in the police car for my ride-along, my instinct was to make sure my hands were visible," said Ross, who communicated this to Beam during their time together. "I had to remind myself I was invited into the car — that I didn't need to worry."

Some have challenged Ross. Things are never going to change, people have told him — there will always be a divide between the black community and law enforcement. But Ross sees the Peace Rides as an expression of Christ's love, the kind that does what's otherwise impossible. Ross explains: "Ephesians 2 says Christ broke down the barrier of the dividing wall to establish peace between the Greeks and the Jews. And I believe it's the same today. We've had this bad history, but love forgives all things. It might be a small thing to ride with a police officer and to understand his point of view. But something as small as that is a great act of love."

So far, it's working. Beam and his department have been really impressed with the BSA. "It takes a lot to reach out to a police department — I have nothing but respect for them."

But, to Beam, the benefits of the Peace Rides are more than just professional. He and his wife Shelby (Gleason BS 96) adopted their African-American son Isaac nine years ago. "I remember sitting in a seminar offered by our agency to family members adopting kids from different races. Another dad in the class was concerned that law enforcement would profile his two African-American sons. I thought, 'If that's his concern, that should be my concern too.'" And just like Ross, Beam is compelled to bridge the divide because of Jesus' great commandment to love others like we love ourselves.

Ross is only a freshman, but his dream doesn't end with the Peace Rides. "As trust and respect grow, we hope another outcome will be that Grace College minority students stay in the area after graduation and make Winona Lake and Warsaw their home, and that they wouldn't just survive but thrive here." Eventually, the BSA would like to roll out this program to every student on Grace's campus and ultimately to the community. Ross hopes that, in a time of severe racial turbulence in the U.S., Grace and the WPD will be a model for other colleges and cities working toward healing and reconciliation. **



Jim Kessler: 700 Wins Is All About the Players BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)

A Lancer win is always exciting, and the first game of the season is no exception. It was an exciting night at the MOCC. The score vaulted from one side of the board to the other. But some exceptional shooting finally sealed the deal and the Lancers won the season-opener. 89-71.

It was a great start to the season, but it was a huge moment in head men's basketball coach Jim Kessler's (BS 70) 38-year career at Grace. It was his 700th win with the Lancers. He's only the 45th college coach to ever reach that mark.

Women's Soccer: Hard Work, Great Honor

and Kessler's men's basketball team celebrate his 700th victory.

Women's soccer player Mallory Rondeau won the NCCAA Player of the Year award for her success in the 2014 season, an honor for both her and her team. Rondeau's outstanding athletic achievement on the field — 18 goals, 11 assists for the season — coupled with her outstanding character are the pride and joy of both the team and the school she represents.

To put it in perspective, "player of the year" is the most outstanding award the NCCAA presents. One other thing: Rondeau is the first player in Lancer history to win this award.

This amazing news follows on the heels of the women's soccer team's wealth of achievements

this season. Three members of the team — including Rondeau, Abby Schue and Carianne Sobey — were First Team All-Americans.

With this caliber of performance on the field, it's not surprising that the team ranked 18th in the NAIA Coaches' Postseason Poll after advancing all the way to the NCCAA national championship game, another historical first for the team. Women's soccer coach Michael Voss has high praise for the players' hard work. "They're special," he says. "They've found the right balance between being furiously competitive and living in the joy of the Lord."

In the midst of its hard work, Grace's women's soccer team is an example of how effort and character pay off in honor.



Coach K — as he's affectionately called by Gracies everywhere — has had a storied career. The NCCAA hall-of-famer has a wealth of victories — both personal and basketball-related — connected to his name.

But he sees his work as a team effort. After Kessler's 700th win, he suggested that the "trick" was the people he surrounded himself with. "I've been very fortunate here at Grace. I want to be found faithful and serve the Lord in my role, and it's been a privilege to work at Grace," Kessler said.

He acknowledges that it's nice to have such an accomplishment under his belt, but his players always get first priority. "My goal as a coach is to go out and find good kids who can also play basketball."

Kessler's dedication to excellence and character are, perhaps, even more famous than the unbelievable numbers he's amassed. He's a living, breathing example of what Grace College is all about, and we'll continue to celebrate him both for his victories on the court and his leadership as a man of God.



Junior Mallory Rondeau (center), forward for the Grace Women's Soccer team, won the NCCAA Player of the Year award for her success in the 2014 season.



Hannah Clemmons (center, red) celebrates with Grace's volleyball team after a league win. Clemmons won the prestigious Susan R. Hellings award for Grace.

Grace Volleyball:

Individual Successes Fuel a Strong Season

Nothing says "great season" like players who stand out. Two Grace volleyball players who stood out in a big way were named NCCAA All-Americans in the 2014 season. Another was honored with an award given to just one player in the association each year.

Ellie Harp and Calah Kruse won the All-American titles (first and second respectively). Harp and Kruse played crucial roles in Grace's success last fall. They graduated in the top 10 for Grace statistically in several categories, including most career kills, digs and assists. Hannah Clemmons was given the Susan R. Hellings Award for her outstanding performance, academic achievement and spiritual contributions to the team and the school; it's a prestigious award, handed out to just one player each year. Clemmons also pushed the record limits, closing out her career at number three in Grace athletics history for digs — she had 1,960 in total.

Because of these players' hard work and others like them, the Lady Lancers finished their season at an outstanding 30-12. This is the second time since 1996 that the volleyball team has won 30 games in a season. With that kind of record and the ones individual players are setting, we can't wait to see what next season holds.

Grace College & Seminary



Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) inducted Grace College & Seminary and Dr. Ron Manahan into the Kosciusko County Innovation and Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame. Pictured (center) are Dr. Manahan and Dr. Bill Katip and (left to right) KEDCO board of director members Dan Brown. Steve Miller, Jim Tinkey and Greg Maxwell.

Former Grace College & Seminary President Inducted Into Kosciusko **County Hall of Fame**

Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82), former Grace president, represented Grace College & Seminary on Nov. 5 at the 2014 Kosciusko County Entrepreneur and Innovation Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner. Manahan was selected for induction into the 2014 Innovation and Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame, which honors the company and the individual or individuals who grew it through either innovation/ invention or entrepreneurship. Grace College & Seminary is the first nonprofit to be recognized.

Manahan's visionary leadership helped advance Grace College & Seminary through the development of new programs, the construction of new facilities, the expansion of global outreach and the innovation in tuition affordability for students and families. Because of the efforts of Manahan and his leadership team, enrollment more than doubled during his tenure and is currently at its highest in the school's history.

The wall between community and college dissolved when Manahan insisted Grace become a partner of the community, not just a bystander. This resulted in Westminster Hall's renovation in 1996 and the construction of the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center in 2007.

Manahan's initiating work with BioCrossroads as a key facilitator helped secure a grant from the Lilly Endowment, which resulted in OrthoWorx and the Orthopedics Capital Foundation. In the past five years, Manahan helped implement the ORCA (Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs) Program, the Henry and Frances Weber initiative (multiple locations) and the partnership with Trine University for a Kosciusko-based engineering degree program. His initiatives played key roles in creating a spirit of innovation that changed both Grace College and the surrounding communities.

"I am deeply honored to join the group already inducted into the Kosciusko County Innovation and Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame," said Manahan. "I thank God for the opportunity He gave me to be a small part of Grace College & Seminary and our county."

Grace College Welcomes Record Class for Spring 2015

This spring, Grace College & Seminary enrolled 1,868 students, a 14.5 percent increase over spring 2014, making it the largest spring class in the school's 76-year history. Over the past three years, the institution's enrollment has increased 24.7 percent.

Grace College has become known for consistently pursuing creative and relevant options to offer students a quality, affordable, faith-based education. The college's efforts to reimagine itself over the past several years have first resulted in a redesigned traditional education model, one that allows students the option of pursuing an accelerated three-year undergraduate degree. The same model now additionally offers students the option to graduate with a bachelor's and master's degree combined in just four years.

With the new Measure of Grace initiative, effective for fall 2015, Grace will reduce the cost of tuition by nine percent for traditional students on the main campus. Additionally, once students enroll, their tuition will never be raised; instead, each consecutive year students attend Grace they will receive an additional \$500 off their tuition. Grace will also offer all main-campus, undergraduate students their textbook rentals free of charge (excluding consumables and workbooks).

"Hard working families are making it clear that having a high quality education that's affordable and accessible to them is a top priority," says Bill Katip (BA 74), president of Grace. "The spring 2015 enrollment is a reaction to this vital need. It's why more and more students are looking at the value and quality of a Grace education, and I believe having a faith-based institution that meets this need is valuable beyond measure."





Pictured (front row, left to right) are Grace students Hannah Clemmons, Kelsey Cook, Lydia Bronner, Sarah Grube, Director of the Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development Alan Grossnickle, (back row, left to right) Carianne Sobey, Annette Hammond and Alex Noppert. This group planned and executed the Executive Forum.

Grace College School of Business, Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development Host Third Annual Executive Forum

Grace College and the Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development partnered to host its third annual Executive Forum "Enhancing Communication in Your Organization" for the community on Tuesday, Nov. 18. WOWO Radio (Fort Wayne, Ind.) political analyst Pat Miller moderated the event, joined by panelists Barbara Bradley Baekgaard, founder of Vera Bradley; Cory Colman, senior vice president of Paragon Medical; Nick Deeter, founder of OrthoPediatrics; Ed McMillan, former CEO of Purina Mills; and John Zeglis, former CEO of AT&T. Student volunteers from Grace College were involved in the planning and execution of the event.

The forum, held at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, was sponsored by McGladrey, a leading provider of assurance, tax and consulting services. "This event was a perfect opportunity for business leaders in our community to come together, network over a continental breakfast and enjoy a panel of experienced business leaders," said Alan Grossnickle, director of the Gordon Institute for Enterprise Development and associate professor of business administration at Grace.



C-SPAN records Dr. Jared Burkholder giving the lecture "Religious Pacifists and the American Revolution," which is expected to air in May as a part of C-SPAN's "Lectures in History" series.

C-SPAN Airs Lecture by Grace College's Dr. Jared Burkholder

On Feb. 19, public affairs cable network
C-SPAN recorded a lecture by Dr. Jared
Burkholder, chair of the History and Political
Science Department and director of the
Office of Faith, Learning and Scholarship
at Grace College. As part of his class on
Colonial and Revolutionary America, he
lectured on the experience of religious
pacifists and members of the peace churches
during the American Revolution. The lecture,
titled "Religious Pacifists and the American
Revolution," was recorded in the Gordon
Recreation Center.

Burkholder has published on this topic before and says he's interested in it because of its

obscurity in the tomes of Revolutionary War history. "We don't often think about the fact that many colonists, who were Christians, did not necessarily see the American Revolution as a righteous cause, like we do today," he says. "It is true that many Christians did believe God was on the colonial side. But some, including members of the Brethren, believed it was wrong to fight in the military as well as wrong to rebel against the civil authority that God had set in place. So in the midst of all the patriotic enthusiasm, members of the peace churches were really put in a difficult situation."

The lecture is expected to air in May as a part of C-SPAN's regular program called "Lectures in History" that airs each Saturday evening as part of "American History TV." It will be available to view at www.c-span.org/series/?lecturesInHistory.



Day to Make a Difference

Last year, we invited the entire
Grace family to come together in
support of our students with a new
tradition, Grace's Day to Make a
Difference. Our second annual Day
to Make a Difference was held on
March 24, 2015. This was a special
24-hour day of giving to Grace.
The generosity and enthusiasm of
our dedicated alumni and friends
certainly gave us much to be
thankful for as we reflected on our
blessings during the campus' Day
of Worship that followed.

On behalf of our students and all of us here at Grace, thank you, once again, for being part of this special day.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1.















Rave Reviews

Our faculty are great teachers. You know them as mentors who've coached you, challenged you and equipped you. But part of what makes them so effective in the classroom is what they do beyond it. Preview some of their recent endeavors that show our educators to be nothing less than masters in their fields.

Dr. Jared Burkholder

Chair of the History and Political Science Department

Dr. Burkholder continues to plunge deeper into a rich exploration of Pietism in colonial America, a journey whose road seems to run right into the horizon for him. He was awarded a Snowden Fellowship at the Young Center for Pietist and Anabaptist Studies at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. He took a sabbatical from Grace to pursue this appointment and continue the research he is so passionate about. His published work in this field already includes significant editorial work and scholarly articles on the history of Pietism.

Dr. Mark Norris and **Dr. Jared Burkholder**

Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the History and Political Science Department

Dr. Mark Norris (C 85, S 05) and Dr. Jared Burkholder have co-edited the book "Becoming Grace: Seventy-Five Years on the Landscape of Christian Higher Education in America," which contains significant research into the history of our school and its contextual impact. The book also contains essays and studies by respected Grace faculty including Dr. Christy Hill, Carlos Tellez (C 06, MA 08, MDiv 10), Dr. Jim Swanson, Kim Reiff, Dr. Paulette Sauders (BA 64, CBS 77), Dr. Tiberius Rata, Frank Benyousky and Dr. Terry White (BME 64).

Dr. John Teevan

Executive Director of Regional Initiatives

One of our own has written a book on social justice and why Christians should care about it. "Integrated Justice and Equality" is out in paperback and is available through amazon.com and the Tree of Life bookstore in Winona Lake. Dr. Teevan (MDiv 72, DM 07) takes the issues of social justice head on as he explores the biblical and philosophical ramifications of our responsibility to the world as it relates to our faith.

Dr. Matthew S. Harmon

Professor of New Testament Studies

Dr. Harmon's reputation as a busy scholar precedes him, and this year is no exception. He recently co-edited "Studies in the Pauline Epistles: Essays in Honor of Douglas J. Moo" (Zondervan, 2014) and wrote a commentary on Philippians (Christian Focus, 2015). Additionally, Dr. Harmon has written articles probing the depths of New Testament scholarship (e.g., "Letter Carriers and Paul's Use of Scripture," in the "Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters") and contributed to projects such as "From Heaven He Came and Sought Her: Definite Atonement in Historical. Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Perspectives" (Crossway, 2013), the NIV Proclamation Bible (London: Houghton & Stoddard, 2013) and the "Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary" (eds. Peter Enns and Mark Strauss; Grand Rapids:

Baker, 2013). Harmon remains one of the seminary's most prolific writers and contributors to date.

Dr. Darrell Johnson

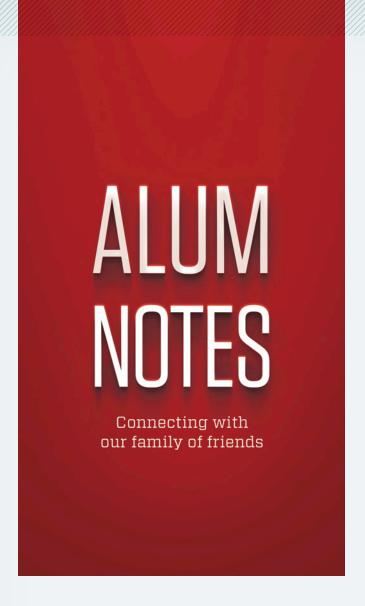
Chair of the Sport Management Department

In 2014 the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) named Dr. Johnson (BS 74) "Sport Management Professional of the Year." It's a title that only the most excellent of the excellent receive for their hard work in fostering and growing a collegiate academic program. Dr. Johnson has done just that, and he has Lancer awards, facility improvements and many other innovations to show for it. Dr. Johnson is a fierce promoter of his management philosophy and often speaks at state and national conventions. He's famous for getting involved in big sporting events and encouraging his students to do the same.

Dr. John Lillis

Executive V.P. of Academic Affairs

Dr. Lillis recently served on the editorial board and wrote 11 articles for the three volume "Encyclopedia of Christian Education," a series exploring the monumental impact that Christian education has had on history. The volumes are due out this April and also contain several articles by Grace's own Dr. Christy Hill.



CLASS NOTES

1955

Dr. J. Ramsey Michaels (BDiv 55) was bestowed the title of professor emeritus at Missouri State University in October 2014. He received his ThM from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1956 and his ThD at Harvard in 1962. Ramsey's wife of 59 years, Betty (Flora C 55), went to be with the Lord on July 17, 2014.

1969

wife Dawn live in Sheridan MI. He has owned ComForCare Home Care since 2011. Ken took 52 trips to Romania from 1984 to 1993 and also ministered in Haiti in July 2010 after the earthquake. kenjstoll@ymail.com

1974

Dave Kennedy (BA 74, MDiv 86) co-founded Bridging RVA, a nonprofit that addresses critical needs in the Richmond VA metropolitan area. In September 2014, the organization successfully completed a "100 Beds for 100 Kids in 1 Day" campaign where new bed units and linens were delivered and set up free of charge to worthy families in the area. Individuals and corporations partnered together to provide the \$20,000 needed to make a difference in many homes. kenfam76@verizon.net, www.bridgingrva.com

1975

Ron Minton (BA 75, MDiv 79, ThM 80) has served as director of International Baptist Bible College and as a missionary to Ukraine since May 2005. Ron and wife Nancy (C 73) reside in Ukraine where Ron teaches Bible college courses for IBBC due to the serious need to train new church planters in Ukraine and other former Soviet Bloc nations. ronminton@gmail.com

1976

Phil Norris (BM 76) is professor of music at University of Northwestern, St. Paul, where he completed his fall 2014 sabbatical. His sabbatical included a teaching and performing tour of eight universities and five international schools in mainland China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore. Phil and wife Julie live in Minneapolis MN. pennwc@gmail.com

1977

Robert Lanning (MDiv 77) has served as senior pastor at Cornerstone Bible Church in Lancaster SC since January 2012. Robert and wife Nancy have four children and 13 grandchildren. lanningn@att.net

Since July 2008 Debbie (Lawlor BS 77)
Sutton has served as president of Marcel
Fund Ministries, a holistic ministry reaching
out with the gospel of hope to the elderly of
Ukraine, Russia. She lives in Zionsville IN with
husband Gary and daughters Elizabeth and
Rebecca. sneezydls@att.net









1978

Glenn (MDiv 78, ThM 80) and Bonnie **Rider** call Brantford, Ontario their home. redirnnelg@gmail.com

1980

Sherry (Stiffler BA 80, MABC 83) Page joined Mary Kay Cosmetics as an independent sales consultant in November 2013. She and husband Michael (MDiv 86) live in Westminster CO and have three grown children Abbie, Whitney and Kristelle. pagesherry@comcast.net

1981

Larry (MACSA 81) and Joanne Clements served with Africa Inland Mission Canada from 1969 to 2001 (22 years in Congo and 10 years in Kenya). Larry serves as pastor to seniors at Grace Church in Newmarket, Ontario. larryclements2@bell.net

Dr. Miriam (Brill BA 81) Kuhn received her PhD in Educational Studies with an emphasis in Special Education from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in August 2014. Dr. Kuhn has accepted an appointment as assistant professor in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, teaching early childhood special education courses while continuing research in effective parent-professional partnerships for addressing young children's challenging behaviors. She is also a nationally certified

school psychologist. Miriam and husband Daniel reside near Greenwood NE and have three grown children Lee, Joycelynn and Brett. miriamkuhn@unomaha.edu

Brad (BS 81) and Joyce Trottman arrived in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in January 2015 to serve with Ministry Essentials International as school psychologists in regional international schools. They will be working with missionary children, missionaries who home school their children and missionaries from other countries attending conferences in Thailand. They will assess children with suspected learning disabilities and provide interventions as needed to help keep missionaries on the field. btrottman@gmail.com

1982

Dave Guiles (BA 82, MDiv 87) has served as executive director for Encompass World Partners in Atlanta GA since March 2000. In December 2013 Dave received his DMin from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield IL. He and wife Sue (Ziegler BA 87, S 05) reside in Decatur GA. daguiles@gmail.com

Mark (MDiv 82) and Nancy Summers have served as missionaries in Quito, Ecuador, with United World Mission – LAM since November 2012 where Mark is also pastor and teacher. They have three children Carla (25), Nicole (16) and Caleb (13). markrevelo@msn.com

1986

Doug (MDiv 86) and Kathy McClain were appointed missionaries to Germany with Association of Baptists for World Evangelism in July 2013. They hope to be fully funded in time to leave by June 2015. mcclain@abwe.cc, www.mcclain.abwe.org

Sandra (Lerch BS 86) Reid is a certified payroll professional and has obtained her Human Resource Certificate. Sandra is the payroll administrator at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley PA. She lives in Whitehall PA with husband Jay. sanmar623@yahoo.com

1989

Dr. Tim Anderson (ThM 89) completed his PhD at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is a professor of theology at Corban University. Tim and wife Barbara reside in Salem OR. tanderson@corban.edu

Sarah (Sager BS 89) Schmidt is a paraprofessional at Presby Preschool in Warsaw IN. She and husband Matt live in Warsaw with children Kharis (21), Matthew (19), Samuel (15) and Phoebe (14). mattandsarahschmidt6@gmail.com

1990

Clive Craigen (BA 90) has served as associate professor of urban ministry at Moody Bible Institute since July 2006. Clive and wife Randi (Kintigh C 89) live in Chicago IL with children Tyjuan Gibson (23), Claire

(20), Emma (18), Zeb (12) and Trinity (11). ccraigen@moody.edu

1991

Tammie (Thiessen BS 91) Huntington received her MM in Vocal Performance from Ball State University in 2004 and her DA in Vocal Performance with an emphasis on Opera Directing at Ball State University in 2008. She has served on the faculty at Indiana Wesleyan University as associate professor of music since August 2007. She and her husband Ben (BS 90) live in Marion IN with their children Benjamin (20), Austin (19), Caleb (15) and Nakita (10). tammie. huntington@indwes.edu

1994

Deborah (Steffen BA 94) Sills has served as director of social services at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange IN since November 2014. She and husband Patrick live in Angola with son Jared (6). deborah_sills@hotmail.com

1995

Matt (BS 95) and Luanne (Tondino C 93) Nightingale currently reside in Santa Rosa CA with children Joshua (19), Jacob (17), Emily (13) and Zachary (13). Matt has served as pastor of worship at Redwood Covenant Church since July 2013 and Luanne is a human resource services specialist at Santa Rosa Community Health Centers. mattnightingale@mac.com











Brian and Angela (Albright BA 95)
Sackett have moved to Harvey Cedars
NJ where Brian is operations manager at
Harvey Cedars Bible Conference. Angela
operates Legacy Seven Studios photography
business and writes an inspirational blog
(www.dancingwithmyfather.net). Angela
also home-schools their children Brian (18),
Joshua (16), Anna (14), Ethan (12) and Isaac
(7). angela@legacysevenstudios.com

1996

Dr. Mark (BS 96) and Stephanie Brunner reside in Atlanta GA where Mark has been owner of Sugarman, Brunner and Langston since July 2003. Mark obtained his MS from Medical College of Virginia and his DDS from The Ohio State University. mcvgums@cs.com

1997

10 Joy (Boehm BA 97) Patton began teaching English at Renaissance High School with Williamson County Schools in January 2014. Joy and husband Andrew live in Nolensville TN with children Connor (14), Kyle (12), Hope (8) and Faith (6). joy@joypatton.com

1999

Mauer: Wyatt Wayne, July 7, 2014. Wyatt joins sister Lucy (4) at their home in Indianapolis IN. Zach works for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Rochelle has been a firefighter and paramedic for the Pike Township Fire Department since March 2009. rochellemauer@hotmail.com

Lindsay (Cool BS 99) Simpson received her MA in Sports Injury Management from Life University in March 2001. She and husband Michael live in Campobello SC with children Morgan (13), Rylee (10), Lance (8) and Logan (7). morylalo4@yahoo.com

2000

Robert Lundy and Lisa Middleton (BS 00): November 17, 2013. The Lundys call Dover DE their home. lisa-middleton@hotmail.com

2001

Brian (C 01) and Lindsay (Edwards BS 04) Quay: Joseph Haines, April 12, 2012.

The Quay family calls Essex Junction VT their home. thequayfamily@gmail.com

2003

Jeremiah Rees (C 03) received his BS in Organizational Leadership from Regent University in 2010 followed by his MS in Public Administration from College of Charleston in 2013. He has served as director of operations at Water Missions International in North Charleston SC since February 2013. To read his blog concerning his recent disaster response in Liberia, go to http://blog.watermissions.org/tag/ebola/, jeremiah.rees@gmail.com

14 Blake (BS 03) and Amanda Shook: Beckett and Blakely, November 27, 2013. The Shook family resides in Trophy Club TX. shook5@bellsouth.net

2004

Bryan (BA 04) and Jamie (Griffiths BA 04) Horn: Brogan Duane, April 22, 2014. The family resides in Lima OH. Big brothers are Tarekegn (6) and Mataniah (4). griff_16@ hotmail.com

16 Dr. Doug (BA 04) and Renae Kegarise: Kipton John, May 11, 2014. Kipton joins sister Clara (3) at the family's home in Manheim PA. Dr. Kegarise completed his MAM at Lancaster Bible College in 2011 and his PhD from Capital Seminary & Graduate School in 2014. Effective January 2015, Dr. Kegarise became assistant professor and director of Doctor of Ministry Program at Capital. dkegarise@lbc.edu

Symps and Jenn (Sorenson BA 04)
Ndlovu were married March 8, 2013. Jenn is assistant activities coordinator at American International School of Johannesburg, South Africa. huntingtonjenn@gmail.com

17 Keith Cutcliff and Rachel Nielsen (BS 04): October 11, 2014. The couple calls Indianapolis IN their home. rachelanielsen@gmail.com

2005

18 Scott (BA 05) and Holly Borchelt: Graham Scott, December 28, 2014. Graham joins sisters Ruthie (5), Thalia (5) and

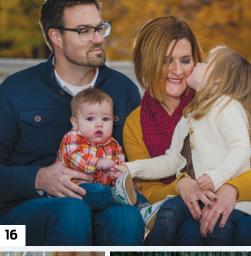














Keira (2) at their home in Etna Green IN. scottborchelt@yahoo.com

2006

19 **Dr. Adam Dell** (BS 06, S 07, MA 08) received his Doctor of Psychology at Indiana State University in August 2014. He and wife Janine (Champoux MA 07) reside in D'Iberville MS where Adam serves as a clinical psychologist in the US Air Force in Biloxi MS. adamdaviddell@gmail.com

20 Robert Peters (BS 06) and Melissa Schultz (BS 11): September 27, 2013. Melissa has worked as a rehabilitation coordinator at Otis R. Bowen Center since 2011. The Peters reside in Warsaw IN. melissa_schultzie07@yahoo.com

2008

21 Derek Lavender (C 06) and LeAnne Bundenthal (BS 10, MBA 14): August 3, 2013. The Lavenders make their home in Indianapolis IN. LeAnne completed her MBA from Grace College in August 2014. leanne. lavender@grace.edu

2009

Dr. Ryan Combs (BS 09) received his MD at Southern Illinois University in May 2013 and began work at Akron General Hospital that July. Ryan lives in Akron OH. dgoldengate@aol.com

Jason Conrad (BS 09, MA 11) currently serves as a missionary/teacher at Hinkson Christian Academy in Moscow, Russia. Jason also works with Russian teens and young adults at his local church and meets the needs of Moscow's homeless with Youth With A Mission.jasoncconrad@gmail.com

Danielle Kindig (BS 09), a native of Warsaw IN, began her career in orthopaedics at the age of 17 and has held various marketing positions at Zimmer, DePuy Synthes Joint Reconstruction and DePuy Spine. Danielle is now in the field selling orthopaedic products for an independent distributor for DePuy Synthes Joint Reconstruction. She lives in Bloomsburg PA. dkindig@depuyhall.com

Ben (BS 09) and Laura Laborde: Chloe Ann, August 24, 2014. Chloe is the couple's first child. The family lives in Warsaw IN. lemanning06@gmail.com

23 John Harrison and Rachel Wahnbaeck (BS 09): July 20, 2013. The couple makes their home in Maineville OH. rwahnbaeck@gmail.com

John Bryan and Emily Zimmerman (BA 09): September 19, 2014. Emily has been a manager at Katz, Sapper & Miller since January 2010. The couple resides in Carmel IN. emilygzimmerman@gmail.com

2010

Juan Acevedo and Amanda Barsuhn (BA 10): October 13, 2014. Amanda completed her MA in Publishing and Writing from Emerson College in 2013. She has been marketing assistant at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt since 2012. The Acevedos reside in Malden MA. barsuhaj@gmail.com.

24 Mike Ohly and Lisa Bonetti (BS 10): May 30, 2014. The couple now resides in Sterling Heights MI. Lisa has been working at Orchards Children's Services since October 2012. lisakohly@gmail.com

25 Andrew (BS 10) and Bethany (Bucher BS 11) Martin: Addison Lynn, August 2, 2014. The Martin family calls Fairborn OH their home. bethany.b.bucher@gmail.com

26 Caleb (BS 10) and Andrea "Andi" (Zeigler BS 10) Richardson: Ariel Joy, September 7, 2014. The family lives in Mound City KS. andrear@pv362.org

2011

27 Chad Parker (BS 11) has served as youth pastor at Grace Church of Aiken since June 2012. Chad and wife Ariane live in Aiken SC. parkercp@mail.com

28 Aaron Pierce (BS 12) and Jaimie Ove (BS 11): September 27, 2014. The couple calls Warsaw IN their home. pierce.jaimie@gmail.com









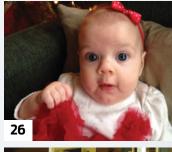
















Israel Baker and Lauren Schafer (BA 11):
January 11, 2014. After living in Thailand and Israel's home Australia, the couple now calls Warsaw IN home. andlolosays@gmail.com

Daniel Scott and Julia Whitacre (BS 11): March 29, 2014. The newlyweds now live in Winchester VA. jmscott329@gmail.com

2012

31 Ben Marshall and Connie Okupski (BS 12): May 17, 2014. Holland MI is their home. ben.connie.marshall@gmail.com

2013

32 Devan Adams (BS 13) and **Corinne Semlow** (BS 13): June 21, 2014. The couple resides in Warsaw IN. semlowcn@gmail.com

Hillary Burgardt (BA 13) completed her MA in Medieval and Early Modern Studies at University of Kent, Canterbury, England in November 2014. h.burgardt42@gmail.com Weston Johnson and Janae Eilers (BS 13): April 27, 2014. The couple resides in Plainfield IN. eilersji@yahoo.com

Adam Hughes (BA 13) and Tricia
Main (BS 14): July 26, 2014. Tricia is a teacher
assistant with Fort Wayne Community
Schools. The couple resides in Fort Wayne IN.
tricia.f.hughes@gmail.com

Todd McQueen (MDiv 13) has been serving as pastor at Grace Church of Ocala since August 2013. Todd and wife Deb (C 13) reside in Ocala FL. www.ocalagrace.org toddmcqueen@gmail.com

Colton (BS 13) and Cassie (Gareiss BS 13) Streeter have made their home in Indianapolis IN. Cassie is a graphic designer for Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation in Carmel IN. cmstreeter13@gmail.com

2014

Justin Howver and Amanda Barnett (BS 14): July 19, 2014: Amanda began working for Dundee Township Park District (IL) as an extended time care counselor aide in August 2014. barnetta1992@gmail.com

Carmen Barnhill (BS 14) has served since June 2014 as graphic designer at Mid-Cities Church in Midland TX. carmenbarnhill@gmail.com

Tammy Baughman (BA 14), upon completion of her BA in Spanish Education, began teaching Spanish at Jimtown High School in August 2014. Tammy and husband Brian have four children Joshua, Nichola, Erika and Karina. On August 6, 2014, they welcomed their first grandchild into their family. btbaughman@sbcglobal.net

Steve Westbrook and Laura Berry (MACMHC 14): May 14, 2014. They call Argyle TX their home. Laura began working as LPC- Intern at Christy Graham, LPC & Associates in January 2015. thewestbrks1@verizon.net

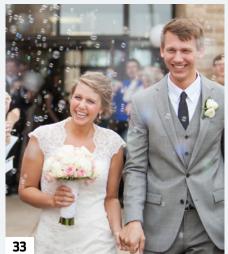
Emily Hubbard (BS 14) lives in Garden City KS where she began work as a transition specialist with O'Brate Foundation in July 2014. tmemily.hubbard@gmail.com

Jabari Jefferson (BA 14) has made Camp Springs MD his home where he is a customer representative for Family Dollar. spiderman-16@live.com

David L. Marshall (BS 14) received his Associate of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing from Ivy Tech Community College in May 2012 and then completed his BS in Management from Grace. David has been group leader at Prime Time Manufacturing in Wakarusa IN since May 2010. He and wife Deborah live in Warsaw IN with daughter Alicia (14). dlm46580@yahoo.com

















Isaac John and Danielle Rupp (BA 14): June 21, 2014. The Johns call Columbia SC their home. rupp92@yahoo.com

37 Jackie Seal (BA 14) accepted the position of field coordinator at Turning Point USA in January 2015. Jackie calls Grand Blanc MI her home. sealj20@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Department faculty member, Mary Lou
Fink, went home to be with the Lord on
November 12, 2014, in Forest VA. Mary Lou
was a professor at Grace College from 1968
to 1979. She was a retired professor at Liberty
University School of Education and a retired
secretary of the Amherst County Electoral
Board. She was preceded in death by her
husband Dr. Paul Fink (S 65) a former
professor at Grace Theological Seminary
and Liberty University School of Religion.
Mary Lou is survived by daughters (see p. 28)







ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Alumni Council invites you to submit your nomination(s) for the 2015 Grace College & Seminary Alumni Awards. To find the list of awards and submit your recommendations, visit www.grace.edu/alumni-awards. Nominations should be submitted by Friday, May 1, 2015. Any nominations received after May 1 will be considered for our 2016 Alumni Awards. All 2015 awards will be presented over Homecoming weekend. Thank you for helping us continue the tradition of honoring Grace College & Seminary alumni.

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Anne Marie (Jesse) Truax, Catherine (Mark) Eubank, Dawn (Chris) Hite, and sons Jerry (Lisa), Glenn (Sherrill) and Gary (Leecy). She also leaves a heritage of 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

39 Robert "Bob" Hoeppner, a friend of Grace College & Seminary, went home to be with the Lord on June 14, 2014. He was born February 15, 1930, in Michigan City IN to Martin and Lula (Delesky) Hoeppner. He was a resident of Kosciusko County (IN) for 44 years. Bob worked for the New York Central Railroad, was vice president of application engineering at The Hays Corporation and in 1969 moved to Warsaw IN to become president and co-owner of Grace Manufacturing, Inc., a company created to employ Grace College & Seminary students and assist Grace Schools with its profits. On October 28, 1950, he married Nancy A. (Nichols) Hoeppner, who survives in Warsaw. Also surviving are his son: Daniel (C84) (wife Rhonda) Hoeppner; two grandchildren: Angela (C 07) (husband Scott (C 07)) King and David Hoeppner; and two great-grandchildren: Rebekah and Matthew King. Friends and coworkers are welcomed to send remembrances to grace@grace-mfg.com.

1960

Jimmie L. Bransford (BS 60) went home to be with the Lord on November 3, 2014, in Buchanan MI. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy, serving aboard the USS Toledo until 1956. Upon completion of his service, he enrolled at Grace College in 1957 and then graduated in 1960. He served the Niles (MI) Post Office until his retirement in 1992. Jimmie was preceded in death by wife Lois and is survived by son Jeffrey of Huntington Beach CA.

1972

Reverend Daniel M. Cassell (MDiv 72) went to be with the Lord on April 30, 2014. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in accounting and then worked as a public accountant for seven years before he was called to the ministry. He served as pastor of Chelsea Baptist Church from 1973 to 2009 and also served on the board of Atlantic Christian School and held various offices with the Garden State Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches of New Jersey. In 2010, Dan was awarded the Service Award by the GARBC. Dan is survived by his wife of 42 years Pat, their daughter Kristine and son Jonathan (Amanda) and brother David (Saundra).

1980

Daniel F. Pettman (MA 80) went home to be with the Lord on March 1, 2014, in

Bedford VA. Daniel and his wife of 39 years Grace (Brandt C 80) served in Brazil with Grace Brethren International Missions (now Encompass World Partners) from 1981 to 1986. He also served as pastor and a rural mail carrier for the United States Post Office in Bedford County. Dan is survived by mother Doris, wife Grace, daughters Evelyn (Mathieu) McNab and Abigail, sons Timothy, Titus and Nathanael, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

1981

40 Dr. John A. Sproule (ThD 81) went to be with the Lord on October 2, 2014. After military service in Greece, Dr. Sproule graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1954 as an electrical engineer and worked with General Motors from 1954 to 1965. He resigned from GM as senior experimental engineer to enter into ministry. Dr. Sproule held professorships at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham AL from 1970 to 1976, Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake from 1976 to 1986 and Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham MD from 1986 to 1994. He served as president of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary from 1991 to 1994 and conducted Bible conference ministries and pastors' conferences in the U.S. and internationally. Dr. Sproule was preceded in death by daughter Susan. Wife Virginia followed him in death on October 20, 2014. John and Virginia are survived by daughter Lynne (AS 81, BS 82) Thompson and John's sister Jeannette Thomas.

1984

John R. "Jack" Seitzinger (MACSA 84) went home to be with the Lord on November 22, 2014. Jack proudly served our country in the US Army and retired after 21 years as a major. At age 48, Jack committed himself to Christ and his life was completely changed. He served as principal of Worthington Christian Elementary School and later at Worthington Christian High School and was also on the pastoral staff of Grace Polaris Church. He retired to care for his first wife Mary Lou until her death. Jack and Dorothy (Kalb Hsu) were married in 2001 and enjoyed 14 beautiful years together. He is survived by wife Dorothy, daughter Chris, sons Jack (Anna) and Mark (Becky) Seitzinger, niece Carol Ann Williams, stepdaughters Missy (Jeff) Fuhry and Rachel (Kevin) Foreman, three grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

CORRECTION:

In the 2014 fall issue of 2|8|9, we incorrectly published **Aaron Hyden's** (BS 09) name as Gabriel Hyden.





Miriam M. Uphouse Christensen Dean of Women & Beloved Mentor

Miriam M. Uphouse Christensen (BA 63) went to be with the Lord on January 17, 2015, in Winona Lake IN. Miriam worked as an assistant in the dean's office of Bryan College (TN) from 1945 to 1952. From 1952 to 1960 she worked as an LPN in a physician's office and at a hospital. Miriam became the associate dean of students at Grace College & Seminary in 1964 and remained in that position until her retirement in 1985. Memberships included Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, National Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors: Indiana Association of Women Deans. Administrators and Counselors: Association of Christians in Student Development: American Red Cross, Altrusa Club of Warsaw; AAUW of Warsaw; Winona Lake Literary Club and the Winsome Women Retreat Staff of 1984. Miriam's honors included 1977 Indiana Merit Mother of the Year: 1981 Grace College Alumna of the Year: and Who's Who of American Women in 1983-1984. In 1985 she received the Citation of Distinction—NAWDAC and was named Grace College Associate Dean of Students Emeritus. From 1986 to 1996 Miriam committed her life to serving the Lord on short-term trips to Brazil and Africa with Grace Brethren International Missions (now Encompass World Partners). She was married for 45 years to husband Dr. Norman Uphouse (BDiv 50) who passed away on February 1, 1985. She married David Christensen on November 27, 2004, who passed away in March 2014. She is survived by daughters Deborah Wingard (BA 66) (David BS 64), Johanna (Alvin) Siebert and Abigail Graham, four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

"I had the privilege of working alongside Miriam for many years at Grace College. She was a tremendous mentor to me and was a wonderful example to the women and men of Grace College. Miriam was a strong, godly woman and leader. I count it as one of my joys in life to have worked so closely with her."

Dr. Bill Katip





From the Desk of the Vice President of Advancement

For all of us, a new year comes packed full with plans, hopes, dreams and changes. Grace College & Seminary is no exception.

First off, I would like to express my appreciation for Tammy Denlinger (BS 81, MA 88), who served as our director of alumni relations for the past three-and-half years and took a new job in February. She's returning to her roots, working in the elderly care field where she'll do what she does best: care for people. I've appreciated her empathy and compassion for our alumni and colleagues. Whenever anyone is hurting, Tammy's always been one of the first to reach out and offer encouragement. Be praying for Tammy in this time of transition and for us as we seek out who God would have serve as our new director of alumni engagement.

In the interim, I have asked Greg Weimer (CBS 87, MAM 09) (weimergd@grace.edu) to serve in this role. Greg is well known among our staff and alumni and is doing an excellent job fulfilling the responsibilities of the office. We'll let you know just as soon as we've hired a new director.

I also want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about what's on the horizon for our alumni and advancement areas!

The focus of our Advancement Team over the last few years has been individual contact with alumni and friends. We have the goal of visiting at least 50 alumni and friends each month. It has been a joy to sit down with many of you and make a personal connection. We recently developed an Alumni Engagement Plan to help us even more effectively reach out to graduates. The overarching goal of the plan is to get more alumni interested, involved and invested in what's going on here. The Grace faculty and staff are committed to joining the Advancement team in engaging you at a deeper level. We really value your input and rely on your passion for what we're doing to move Grace into the future. In light of this new plan, we've changed the name of the Alumni Services Office to the Alumni Engagement Office.

I know so many of you cheer us on from afar – thank you so much for doing so! We have alumni all over the world who are committed friends and avid supporters. But we want to challenge each and every one of you reading this – why not be more than a fan?

Grace is a living, breathing, moving community of people who are changing the world. We need people like you, people who are already out there making a difference, to inspire us, encourage us, work with us, pray with us. Whether it's supporting us financially, coming to our campus to see what's changed over the years or telling a friend about what we're doing, your everyday investments are priceless. Thank you for being a part of our future.



Drew FlammVice President of Advancement drew.flamm@grace.edu

As an alumni council member for the past 10 years, I'm excited about the progress our Alumni Engagement Office has made. Upon his arrival a year ago, Drew Flamm began listening to the feedback from the alumni council, staff, alumni and friends of Grace to reevaluate how Grace could partner with alumni to meet strategic goals.

It was such a pleasure to work with Tammy Denlinger, former director of alumni relations.

Tammy modeled a deep interest in all of Grace's family members.

She helped the council reach out to alumni and build bridges to increase our positive impact on current students. We wish Tammy great success as she lives out the mission of Grace by serving Christ in her new career.

Under the leadership of a new director, the council will continue to engage our alumni family, celebrate what God is doing in their lives and encourage participation in what God is doing at Grace College & Seminary. The mission of Grace will be more effectively advanced when we the alumni are present and active in the great things happening at our school right now.

As we implement the Alumni Engagement Plan, we need your help too. I hope you will use your God-given gifts to join us in making a difference through Grace College & Seminary.



Jerry Abbitt (BS 84) Alumni Council President

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Three new church sites in the greater Detroit area will be offering a Grace education in fall 2015: Second Ebenezer Church in Detroit, Woodside Bible Church in Warren and Woodside Bible Church in White Lake. "The thing we're so excited about is how these churches pulled us in to be their partners," says Executive Director of Regional Initiatives Dr. John Teevan (MDiv 72, DM 07). "They told us what their communities need: adult education opportunities that allow individuals to finish their degrees and deepen their understanding of the Bible."

Armed with that knowledge, Grace will begin offering an associate degree in Biblical Studies and a degreecompletion bachelor's in Management at all three locations for fall 2015.

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