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CELEBRATE GRACE COLLEGE & SEMINARY'S

75TH ANNIVERSARY_{AT} HOMECOMING 2012

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION DINNERS

Thursday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

We're reliving the success of the basketball and volleyball national championship teams. Players and families get in for free! Tickets will be available on a limited basis as space allows.

VOW RENEWAL AT ALPHA BELL

Sat., Nov. 3, 10-10:30 a.m.

For all you who met your beloved spouse at Grace, rang the bell, and got thrown in the lake, don't miss this opportunity to renew your vows. Pastor Jim Custer (BA 60, BD 63, ThM 77, DD 91) will be leading couples as they corporately affirm their commitment to their spouses and enjoy a slice of wedding cake.

TAILGATE BBQ & FACULTY RECEPTION

Sat., Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come enjoy a BBQ lunch! Don't miss this opportunity to bring your RV, cookout with fellow alumni, reconnect with your favorite professors and watch your kids enjoy some games.

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

Sat., Nov. 3

If you are a business grad, veteran, ORCA grad or just received your undergraduate degree in 2012, don't miss your reunion!

School of Business Reunion, 2-2:30 p.m.

Veterans Affairs Reunion, 2-4 p.m.

"Zero" Reunion, 5:30 p.m.

ORCA Reunion, 5:30 p.m.

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HOMECOMING

**&
75th Anniversary Celebration**



GOLDEN GRAD SOCIETY INDUCTION & RECEPTION

Sat., Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m.

We want to honor all the alumni who have celebrated their 50-year reunion. Grace grads from 1950 to 1962 will be recognized on Kessler Court between games followed by a reception in the Bill & Ella Male Alumni Hospitality Suite. Don't miss Ron Henry's (BA 58, BD 62) return to the mic!

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PHIL KEAGGY CONCERT

Sat., Nov. 3, 7-10 p.m.

Come enjoy the music of Dove-Award winner acoustic guitarist and vocalist Phil Keaggy in the Rodeheaver Auditorium! (Concert begins at 8 p.m.) It'll be a casual, intimate time of fellowship together. Chocolate Dessert and Coffee Bar available and childcare provided (ages six and under).

PRESIDENT'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sun., Nov. 4, 8 a.m.

Before you jet home, join us for a spectacular breakfast and a time of reflection as we celebrate the work God has done at Grace over the last 75 years. And don't miss Don Ogden (BD 54) leading us in "A Mighty Fortress"!

HOMECOMING 2012 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

6 p.m. National Championship Celebration Dinners, Westminster Hall*

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

9 a.m.–5 p.m. Art Exhibit, Mount Memorial Art Gallery, Second Floor
2–4 p.m. Welcome Reception, Alumni Services Office in the Orthopaedic Capital Center
8 p.m. Student Variety Show & Dessert, Orthopaedic Capital Center

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

8–10 a.m. Registration, Top Level of the Orthopaedic Capital Center
8–10 a.m. Hall of Fame Breakfast, Orthopaedic Capital Center (all alumni invited)*
8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, Alpha Dining Hall
9 a.m.–5 p.m. Art Exhibit, Mount Memorial Art Gallery, Second Floor
10–10:30 a.m. Renewal of Vows, Alpha Bell with Pastor Jim Custer (BA 60, BD 63, ThM 77, DD 91)
10:30 a.m. Class Reunion Photos, Orthopaedic Capital Center,
(This includes “Zero” grads †, ORCA grads and if your grad year ends in 2 or 7.)
11 a.m.–2 p.m. Tailgate BBQ, Orthopaedic Capital Center parking lot
(RVs are encouraged. Games included for kids.)*
1–2 p.m. Faculty Reception, Orthopaedic Capital Center parking lot
1 p.m. Women’s Basketball Game, Orthopaedic Capital Center
2:30 p.m. Golden Grad Society Induction & Reception, Kessler Court and Bill & Ella Male
Alumni Hospitality Suite (for alum who graduated from 1950 to 1962)
2–3:30 p.m. School of Business Reunion, Orthopaedic Capital Center, Room 115
2–4 p.m. Veterans Affairs Reunion, VA Lounge in the Robert & Frances
Gordon Recreation Center
3 p.m. Men’s Basketball Game, Orthopaedic Capital Center
5:30 p.m. Overtime Alumni Dinner, Alpha Dining Hall (alumni and guests invited)* †
5:30 p.m. Class Reunion Dinners, Westminster Hall
(This includes “Zero” grads †, ORCA grads and if your grad year ends in 2 or 7.)* †
7–10 p.m. Phil Keaggy Concert with Chocolate Dessert & Coffee Bar, Rodeheaver Auditorium* †

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

8 a.m. President’s Prayer Breakfast, Orthopaedic Capital Center*

Fee may apply; check the website | † Childcare available ages six and under, from 5–10 p.m.


‡ “Zero” grads are all those who graduated in May 2012.



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In every issue of 2|8|9 we choose a theme word — a lynchpin idea — that vividly ties our stories together in a meaningful way. The word **saturate** is the word we picked this time around. It means “to infuse with color, with water, with life, with meaning, or even, with love.”

To **saturate** means to fill something, some place or someone to capacity. So if it's a white canvas, **saturate** might mean the introduction of vibrant, gratuitous color.

If that canvas happens to be a gray inner city neighborhood facing the “tyranny” of violence, drugs and prostitution, saturation may reflect the mission of a modern-day Joshua. Take, for example, Pastor Corey Brooks, a Grace Seminary grad whose congregation is lighting up the dark places of South Side Chicago with ambient light and extravagant love.

Or maybe the canvas is a drab green. The colorless, camouflaged distress of men and women coming home from military hotspots like Iraq and Afghanistan with post-traumatic stress disorder. The contrast? Heidi Zeigler, Grace College grad and mental resilience trainer for the U.S. Army, whose bright countenance

and hopeful instruction are blessing hundreds even thousands of our men and women in uniform with the tools to serve their nation and be personally healthy before, during and after the conflict.

No matter where you look, the Christian life is about saturation. It is about offering some of the life we have in Jesus to the lifeless. Color to the colorless. Hope to the hopeless. The amazing thing is that, in the offering, we lose absolutely nothing, and our own life shines out all the brighter when it is a reflection of Christ's.

Another class of seniors graduated from Grace College & Seminary on May 19. Our mission is driven by a hopeful assurance that their character, competence and service will saturate this world with salt, light and color.



A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Sterner".

Kevin Sterner (C 94) | Editor-in-Chief

Grace graduates are scattered across the globe among multiple cultures and languages and settings. They are pursuing the interests God gave them. They are following the opportunities He presents. They work from their homes, at their businesses, in banking, teaching, the sciences, medicine, pastoring, counseling, management, missions, accounting, government, social services, agriculture and many other trades.

But alumni are not only marked by a wide variety of careers; they also have different personalities, different capacities, different views on certain values, different church experiences, different challenges and opportunities. They live in neighborhoods and communities where they have relationships and acquaintances unique to their experience. This rich diversity is not a mistake; it's intentional.

God purposefully scatters His people across a wide spectrum of people groups, careers, levels of responsibility and breadths of influence. There is not a hierarchy of value based on occupation, calling or responsibility. God values all of His family, including those who are like us and those who are not.

The God who scatters also equips His people to practice His life through word and deed (James 1:22-25) and through faith and works (2:14-24). These word pairs are significant because they indicate the breadth of God's interest in all of life's interactions: what we say, what we do, how we do things and why we do them.

To be sure, we all fail sometimes, but God lovingly keeps calling us to be His people; to bless those around us; to speak His message

through words and deeds; to comfort and help the oppressed; to make a difference for good in our communities; to treat others with dignity and integrity; to practice habits of life encouraged in Scripture. God tells us this in Micah 6:8. “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” and in Galatians 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Expressions of God’s care for people are sweeping. He continues reaching out to those who reject Him. His invitation is still to come and join His family. He still helps the widows and orphans. It’s no surprise that His commitment to the oppressed and marginalized

appears all throughout biblical history (Exodus 22:21-25, Psalm 14:6; 68:5-6, 10, 103:6; Proverbs 22:22-23, James 1:26-27). He cares deeply about justice and mercy and humility in our world. He longs for us to mirror traits reflecting His purpose (Galatians 5:22-23), saturating our world with the inextricable Gospel. It’s our calling and privilege.

Thanks, alumni, for being faithful.

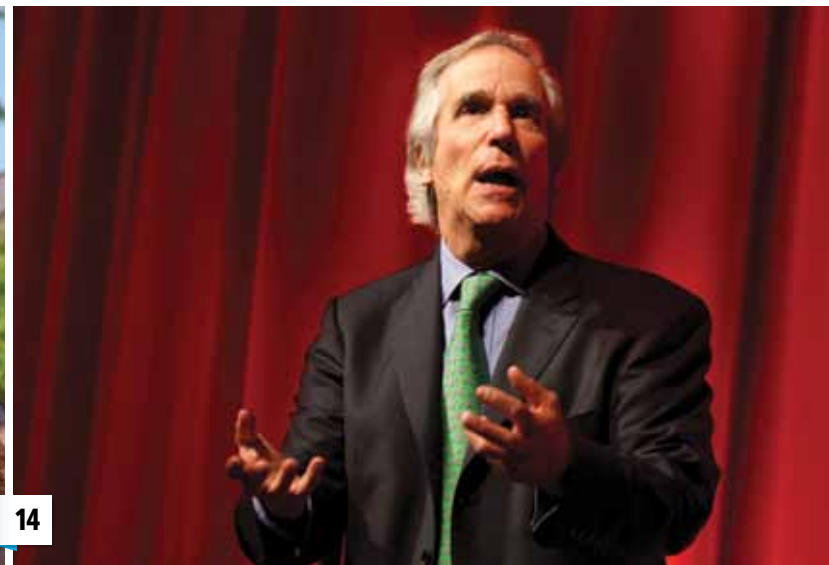


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Dr. Ronald E. Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) | President



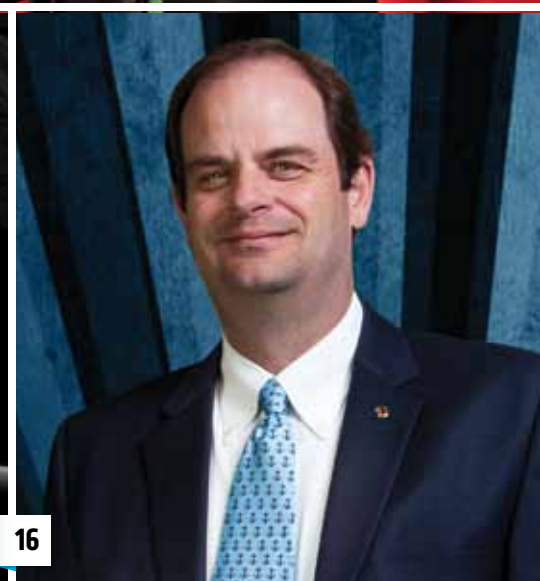
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South Side Chicago Pastor Corey Brooks (MA 96) photographed by Stephanie Witte (C 11) on South King Drive in Chicago.

Case V Award

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What's In A Name?

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

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With the fall bringing yet another year of record enrollment to Grace, we break ground on a new 13,000-square-foot, 62-bed residence hall. Get the details and partner with us on the construction.





Performance Enhancement Specialist Heidi Zeigler (BS 04) with her students at Fort Jackson, S.C.



FIGHTING THE GOOD ★ ★ FIGHT

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

TESTED. BROKEN. RESTORED. RESILIENT. HOPEFUL.

It's a cycle of life that describes Heidi Zeigler (BS 04) and what she does for soldiers all over the world. Zeigler works for Digital Consulting Services (DCS) on an Army program that trains and educates soldiers on how to be at their best when it matters most. Currently, she works at Fort Jackson, S.C., teaching soldiers and their families the mental skills that underlie performance excellence and increase emotional resilience.

Zeigler explains the reasoning and importance behind the program: “After more than a decade at war and a world full of conflict and unrest, the Army is interested in helping soldiers and family members become more robust psychologically and more equipped to handle the challenges and adversities they face. By building resilience — through self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strength of character and connection — and applying resilience strategies, soldiers can thrive, not just survive in the face of adversity.”

At first, it’s hard to imagine Zeigler managing a classroom of dozens of soldiers, often twice her age and mostly men. But she’s one of the most skilled and effective teachers the program has. It’s effortless for Zeigler, as she disarms her students with her humor, captivates them with her knowledge and impresses them with her accomplishments.

Although Zeigler was a secondary education major at Grace, she rethought her calling to teach after she graduated. College isn’t always a picture-perfect experience, and often, only in hindsight, do we see that God chooses to grow us through unexpected difficulties and the resilience that leads to greater outcomes.

Grace proved to be a wilderness experience for Zeigler. As a basketball player, she struggled to get playing time, often performing inconsistently on the court. Her education classes made her doubt her skill set. She struggled to find community at Grace, making very few close friends. “Before I came to Grace, I had experienced success at every turn. I was an important member on my [basketball] team; I won all the academic awards; I had known most of my friends since kindergarten,” says Zeigler. “At Grace, I had never experienced so many challenges. I began seeing everything I was doing as a failure. I even felt like my graduating GPA of 3.98 wasn’t good enough.”

Zeigler graduated from Grace feeling uncertain about what to do next, but God had perfectly positioned her to pursue His plan. After one of her friends told her about work she was doing with a sport psychologist, Zeigler decided to Google it. “I’d played basketball all my life, but during my college years, I couldn’t seem to play consistently on the court; I decided it sounded interesting. I knew there had to be a link between performance and psychological skills that I was missing.” After taking the GRE on a whim, Zeigler was accepted into Boston University’s program, a cross between sport psychology and mental health counseling. “God really made a path for me that I didn’t see clearly at the time. I learned a lot in the program and was able to apply what I was learning to my own experience.”



After graduating with her master's degree, Zeigler moved back home to California, and her confidence began to build as she successfully taught seventh-grade math and coached girls' basketball. As she began to search for a position in her field she found a job posting for performance psychology with the Army. "I didn't know anything about the Army, but I figured if I can help athletes up their game, why not help soldiers up their game as well." Zeigler was hired. She credits God's continued leading in her life alone for this success. She moved to South Carolina several weeks later and began her first assignment teaching performance psychology strategies to U.S. Army drill sergeants at Fort Jackson.

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Since Zeigler began teaching, there are now 11 sites across the country at various U.S. military posts that train soldiers in performance psychology. "It's very clear to the Army that being physically fit is critical to our ability to fight and win our wars. But it's also clear that mental strength is a key part of it. If soldiers are more mentally able to deal with the challenges they are going to face, then when they're called on to be their best, when it's life and death, they'll be able to bring their best," she says.

Zeigler's first nine months at Fort Jackson were incredibly difficult. "At first, it was like I was in a foreign country. There were so many acronyms and army-isms, I needed a translator with me." But Zeigler found the Army was delighted to teach her about their culture. "I became their pet civilian. I'd get up at 4 a.m. to do their physical training and march in formation with them. I fell in love with the Army." Zeigler took advantage of every opportunity to immerse herself in soldiers' experiences so she could build credibility. She participated in tear gas chamber training, hand-to-hand combat and maxed the Army's Physical Fitness Test. Meanwhile, she was training soldiers how to control their breathing, how to focus in the face of multiple distractions and how to withstand the mental pressures of elite Army training such as Drill Sergeant School, Ranger School or Special Forces selection.

After teaching mental skills to the soldiers at Fort Jackson for three years, Zeigler's supervisor recognized her uncanny ability to communicate and relate to the soldiers. He handpicked her to begin teaching resilience strategies as well as performance enhancement skills at Army installations across the country and the world. Although Zeigler travels 50 percent of the year, she sees it as a privilege. "Having mental strategies to enable you to be your best consistently is powerful for anyone. It's an honor to work for the people who lay their lives on the line for our freedom. I get to empower them in some way, when they spend their lives empowering us with freedom."

Although Zeigler entered her profession from a place of uncertainty, God slowly built her up and restored a right understanding of Himself in her. "I've realized my need for a savior in a deep way. I've dropped my rule book and gone back to the Source. I never thought I believed in a works-based salvation, but then I look at my life and that's what it shows. I've always been a perfectionist and I'm realizing it's not about me. It's about God's glory."

As Zeigler spends her days teaching soldiers how to be resilient in the face of horrific and unpredictable circumstances, she's spreading the truths that Jesus made real for her during her time at Grace and beyond. He never gives up on us, His grace is always enough and hope is alive. ✧

If you are serving or have served our country, we want to know about it. Tell us your military branch, rank/rate and where you've served.

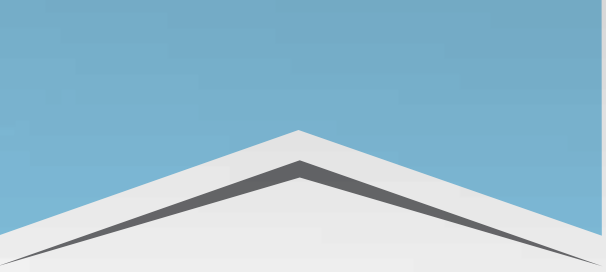
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*South Side Chicago Pastor Corey Brooks (MA 96)
on the roof of the Super Motel.*



FROM THE ROOF TO THE ROAD

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DAYS OF FAITH

WRITTEN BY



**KERITH
ACKLEY-JELINEK**

On November 19, 2011, South Side Chicago Pastor Corey Brooks, Sr. (MA 96) was presiding over the funeral of 17-year-old Carlton Archer who, days earlier, had been killed in a gang-related shooting. “I’d promised his family that they’d be safe. I’d done plenty of funerals, and nothing had ever happened,” recalls Brooks. During the funeral, Brooks felt God prompting him to invite attendees to repent. “Four guys ended up bringing me their guns, one was a semi-automatic. I found out later those guys had planned to shoot the casket at the burial. I was so broken. It’s the most broken I’ve been in ministry. To bring guns into church, with no respect for God, no God-consciousness.” But God was about to lift Brooks’ head higher than the roof.

Brooks lives and works in one of the deadliest zip codes in the country. In 2000 he founded New Beginnings Church on the South Side of Chicago, situated at the center of the Woodlawn and Englewood neighborhoods. The average annual income there is \$19,000. There are no grocery stores, no banks, no restaurants. The area holds the record for highest unemployment rate in the city.

But Brooks, a husband and father of four kids, was exactly where he wanted to be. “Ever since I can remember, I’ve had a burden for those who are really down and out. Not just lost. But no jobs, no hope. That’s the group God has made my heart tender for. My heart just beats for inner-city people.” God not only gave Brooks a heart for the hopeless, He gave him a vision too. “We want to turn people from Chicago, America and the world into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. And if we’re going to reach the world, we’ve first got to start with this block. We have to first cause change in this neighborhood. So before we go to the nations, let’s saturate this whole neighborhood with the gospel of Jesus Christ, because ultimately that’s what changes lives.”

Brooks began New Beginnings Church with 25 families. It now serves more than 2,500 people, 70 percent of whom are first-time churchgoers. “They’ve never been to church or grown up with church. So we disciple and encourage a lot of people. We tell people ‘You’re loved here.’ We even have a saying: ‘If there is any hell in you, we’re going to love the hell out of you.’ That’s what people need in this neighborhood: a lot of love.”

As a backlash to the growing violence and killings, New Beginnings formalized “SHUT ‘EM DOWN” in 2009, a community initiative whose goal was to close down a motel right across the street that served as a hub for drug-dealers and prostitution. With the help of the local police and the city of Chicago, they successfully shut it down. But New Beginnings wanted to do more; it wanted to buy the building and create a community center in its place. “If we could secure that motel and take it out of the enemy’s hands, it could be a beachhead

for us to do major ministry because people would know that our church is serious. In this neighborhood, that means something.” According to Brooks, the greater community is used to hearing churches talk about change and helping people in need, but not doing anything about it. So New Beginnings created non-profit Project HOOD (Helping Others Obtain Destiny) and began raising money to purchase the \$450,000 motel. “I started fasting and praying because I knew our church couldn’t come up with that kind of money,” says Brooks.

Brooks was 19 days into his planned 40-day fast on the day he conducted Archer’s funeral. After collecting the guns and walking out of the church, God told Brooks how to raise the money. “I looked over at the motel and was like, I’m going up there on that roof. I’m going to stay there and not come down until we raise the money.” Three weeks prior, Brooks had preached on Habakkuk 2, where the prophet Habakkuk ascends a watchtower so that he can hear

from God, write down God’s vision and make a plan. “I think God merged that idea with the Chicago occupiers. That’s how I ended up on the motel roof with my tent,” laughs Brooks.

Brooks believed that his rooftop initiative was just the thing to draw the necessary attention to the violence and give him a platform for raising the money. Brooks’ obedience proved fruitful. In fact, he received significantly more publicity than he ever dreamed. Within days, the media caught wind of his outlandish camp-out. The New York Times, Huffington Post, WBEZ, The Chicago Tribune, ABC7 and many other news outlets covered the story. So many people wanted to visit Brooks on the roof that his church had to begin assigning appointments. “I was seeing visitors from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Everyone came to the roof. It was amazing. Jewish rabbis, Muslims, non-believers. I started to realize that maybe God was doing something bigger than I had imagined.” Even Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel visited.

With all the visitors and encouragement, Brooks was thinking he’d stay up on the roof for 21 days — the remainder of his 40-day fast. Surely God, in His perfect timing and faithfulness, would raise the \$450,000 within that time frame. But day 21 came and went. “On day 22 I wrote to God in my journal how disappointed I was that He didn’t show up. What did He want me to do? Stay up on this roof? I clearly heard the voice of the Lord say, ‘Just stay here. I’m working it out. Just stay.’ So I started saying, ‘I’m committed to being here until I have to be. I’ll stay however long it takes.’ I stopped worrying about the days, and how much time passed and who was giving.” Brooks dug in for an extended stay, huddling next to kerosene and electric heaters and using a portable toilet on the roof. Brooks only came down off the roof for a doctor’s appointment, to preside over two more funerals for murder victims and to comfort the families of two other homicide victims.



On February 24, 2012, movie mogul Tyler Perry donated \$100,000 to the project, giving Project HOOD the remaining money to reach its goal. And after 94 days on the roof, Brooks came down.

Brooks had always believed he was a person of faith, but after three months on the roof, he had a whole new understanding of what faith means. “I believe God for crazy stuff now. It’s like faith on steroids. Stuff I say all the time, ‘We can reach beyond this neighborhood,’ I say those things. But now I really believe those things.”

In March, Brooks closed the deal on the purchase of the motel. Demolition on the motel began as college students from across the country spent their spring break lending a hand to tear down the old motel.

But Brooks isn’t finished. He believes God wants to do more. Project HOOD needs \$15 million to build a state-of-the-art community center, where the motel used to stand. It will include a counseling

and medical center, a technology center, a performing arts center, a business incubator, recreational space, a library and a rooftop garden.

Brooks began asking God how He wanted to give them \$15 million. “I was in Mexico last week, and my phone was not working. First day I got it up, I see on the Huffington Post that this guy walked across Australia in a Star Wars outfit, and he was raising money for some organization. I instantly got that nudge. The same feeling when I got up on the roof in the tent. At first I just ignored it. I’m not walking across America. People close to me know I have bad feet from playing basketball. I thought, ‘This can’t be God.’” But Brooks couldn’t dismiss the idea. And so “Walk Across America to End Violence: From the Roof to the Road” was born. Brooks is going to walk from New York City’s Times Square to Los Angeles’ Staples Center — more than 3,000 miles worth of walking — to raise awareness about the violence in Chicago and urban cities across America and to raise the \$15

million to build the community center. He left Time Square on June 5 and hopes to make it across the country in 94 days.

After his rooftop experience, Brooks has been preaching on Hebrews 11. “It’s about how you become a God-pleaser living by faith. It means you believe when you can’t see, obey when you don’t understand and you’re willing to thank God in advance. So I’m trying to live that. If I get to LA and we don’t have the money, then God must be wanting to do something else. I’m just going to ask him what’s next. Because God is God.” *

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DR. MANAHAN & PASTOR BROOKS

To read Dr. Ron Manahan’s interview with Pastor Corey Brooks, visit www.grace.edu/289/brooks.



(Right) Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel addressing Brooks’ New Beginnings Church congregation.



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To follow and become a partner in Brooks’ walk, visit www.projecthoodwalk.org.



View Brooks’ “Walk Across America” promo video.

Winkler's Happiest Days

BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)

Grace College had some limelight moments that made this past academic year memorable. Our campus hosted Former First Lady Laura Bush and World War II prisoner of war Louis Zamperini; Dr. Manahan was invited to Washington, D.C., to speak to Congress; and this spring another prestigious guest graced our doorstep. Someone who, 35 years ago, would have been dressed in a recognizable leather jacket, beaming with cool and greeting us with a familiar thumbs-up “Aayyyy...” Those were “Happy Days,” and though the popular ’70s sitcom may be relegated to the world of reruns, Henry Winkler sure isn’t. He’s still prime time, the coolest dude on the block and using his notoriety for a serious problem close to his heart.

But Winkler didn’t come to Winona Lake to reminisce about bygone days of stardom.

While many actors adopt benevolence campaigns simply because it’s the politically correct thing to do, Winkler’s message of encouragement comes from his life-long struggle with dyslexia, a learning disability that, in simplified terms, tends to impair and/or reverse information processes in the brain. Ironically, Winkler took his struggle and turned it into an agent that drove him forward instead of tearing him down. Now, as an award-winning children’s author who’s written 20 books, he’s out to tell students and teachers alike that, with a bit of love and a push in the right direction, any kid can be anything they want to be. Any kid could turn out to be an Arthur Fonzarelli.

Winkler’s visit to Grace marked something significant in the school’s history — not just because of his fame, but also because his endorsement was the highlight of an unparalleled student cooperative that hosted the first ever campus-wide Disability Awareness and Transition Exploration Week.





(Left) Winkler addresses Grace student body and community members at the Orthopaedic Capital Center. (Right) Winkler talks about his children's books with Warsaw elementary students.

The event, which had been created and coordinated by Grace's Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) chapter lasted from March 19-23. It was a huge success. The chapter has been around since 2009, and half of its life had been invested in planning this week. "It was a lot of planning ... however, it was well worth it," says senior Rachel Bult, the chapter's current president. And like Winkler, the students who invited him to be the event's keynote speaker are reaching out to a group of kids that often gets ignored. "A big mission of [this] chapter has been to partner with the community," says Cheryl Bremer (BS 92), assistant professor of education and chair of the special education department at Grace.

"If you have the strength of esteem, you have the possibility of trying something that you think you can't do," said Winkler in an interview before his keynote session. Not only did he encourage struggling students to have courage despite seemingly insurmountable odds, he also picked out future educators and challenged them to bless their future students with a strong vote of confidence. "Every single one of you in this room has greatness inside of you," he said. "Your job is to figure out what your gift is, dig it out and give it to the world." ✨

Grace's Council for Exceptional Children executive board members and seniors (left to right) Rachel Bult, Nina Ferry and Courtney Telep.

**“HAVE YOU EVER SEEN
ON THE EVENING NEWS
WHERE A SHIP FIRES A
MISSILE STRAIGHT INTO
THE AIR OUT OF THE
DECK? THAT WAS US.”**

Dr. Jeff Fawcett, Grace College's new dean of the School of Business as of 2011, is referring to the company for which he used to be a consultant. "The Navy was in the process of procuring a brand new weapons system: the MK-41 Surface Combatant Vertical Launching System. My job [there] was tracking production."

It was over three decades ago, but his work with Naval Sea Systems Command and the Federal Aviation Administration looks nothing like his job today. But, oddly enough, that's not how Fawcett sees it. To him, even though living a stone's throw from the capitol building and teaching at Grace seem like two different worlds entirely, people are still people. And where there are people, there's a need for the Gospel.

Twenty-five years ago, what Fawcett had intended to be a brief visit to his alma mater Cedarville University turned into a career teaching business at the midwestern school. Fawcett told Cedarville, "I'll give you two years to find someone else to

READY TO TAKE

BY ANDREW JONES (BA 11)

Dean of the School of Business Dr. Jeff Fawcett



[teach here] and then I'm going back to D.C. because I really do look at it as a ministry." And although he had every intention to go back to the capitol to work, working with students grew on him. "The reason I went into teaching was because my thinking was that, if I could affect just one student a year with my vision, then I could annually replicate my passion and make a much bigger difference in the long run." The direct result of this passion meant that Fawcett's story shifted several times. First Washington, D.C., then Cedarville, then Grace College in 2011.

"When we got [to Grace] it felt like coming home." Fawcett admits that it wasn't like him to be immediately comfortable living in a new place, but the move to the Grace community was an easy transition because he's very familiar with the pulse of their purpose. "They're very mission-driven," he says of the folks who make Grace happen. "They love their students, and the atmosphere is different from just about any other college campus you go to."

But while Fawcett has been blessed by the school, he's blessing in return. The core of his role has been to continue leading an aggressively mission-based business program that cultivates something beyond salary-enslaved CEOs — stewards and servant-leaders.

"What I really want for our students is that they get the help they need to discover what their talents, abilities and passions are and how to use them effectively in the marketplace,

because I believe that the business world is one of the last untapped mission fields." Fawcett's not just rattling off Christian sentiments. He knows. He's lived the principles that fortify his teaching philosophy and he's hoping that business majors who sit under the guidance of his revised program will embrace the same.

But what would a mission be without a strategy? Next year is the first for an updated program in the School of Business that will take the meaning of "applied learning" to a new stratum. "The days of a job with a company and staying there for 20 to 30 years are going to be very rare [for this generation of undergraduates]." Fawcett's research tells what otherwise might be a bleak story for the businessperson of the future: jobs will fluctuate and the skill set required to keep up with the market is more variegated than it's ever been before. As a reaction to this change and because of the partnership of a generous donor who believes in the program's mission, the School of Business will be expanding the applied aspects of its curriculum. Not only will it require second year students to develop, practice and present a real business, it will also give students the opportunity to deal with real money, real business ventures and, ultimately, real life.

Fawcett stresses that the program will emphasize two important techniques. 1. "You can't operate in a silo," he says. Students need to practice relying on other skill sets in order to accomplish a business goal completely. 2. "In the process of doing all this ... they also



have to pick a non-profit organization that they will give 10 hours of their time to serve.” Not only that, but students will be expected to donate profits from their micro-businesses to these same organizations in order to foster a spirit of giving back what God has blessed their hard work with, according to Fawcett.

“God wired some of us to be able to create wealth, and there’s nothing wrong with that,” says Fawcett. He speaks from personal experience, but he realizes that moral checks and balances need to be in place because of that skill set. “You need to know what to do with it once you get it.” That knowledge is pointless in itself, which is why Fawcett backs it up with the incontrovertible truth of God’s Word. “No one can serve two masters ... you cannot serve both God and money.” Fawcett quotes Matthew 6:24 as if it were engraved on the tablet of his life-calling. Well, actually, it is.

What Fawcett expects the most from his students, his time at Grace, even his own career, is dedication. You can do something well, but can you do it as a service to One who gave you the ability in the first place? “I’m driven by principle,” he says. He’s also driven by potential. “When I look at Grace I get the feeling that we’re like a jet at the end of a runway with its engines revved up, just ready to take off.” ✨

Faculty

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REVIEWS



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Dr. Nathan Bosch, 01 associate professor of environmental science, presented a paper titled “Blue-Green Algae Toxins in Northern Indiana Lakes” at the 2012 Indiana Lake Management Society conference held this past March in Nashville, Ind.

Dr. Jared S. Burkholder, 02 associate professor of history, has co-edited “The Activist Impulse: Essays on the Intersection of Evangelicalism and Anabaptism” (Wipf and Stock, 2012). Dr. Burkholder and **Dr. Mark Norris** (C 83, S 05), professor and chair in the Department of History and Political Science, have also written individual chapters in the volume. Dr. Burkholder also gave a recent invited lecture to the Missionary Church Historical Society at Bethel College (Mishawaka, Ind.) on “Pietism in the Evangelical Imagination.”

Dr. Rebekah Watson, 03 assistant professor of communication, presented two papers at the 2012 conference of the International Association for Communication and Sport held this past March at Bradley University. Her presentation titles were, “Go USA ... Go World: Nationalistic Priming Effects Through Olympic Telecasts” and “Developing the International Sport Viewing Motivations (ISVM) Scale.” Dr. Watson is also serving as the 2013 public relations division chair and program planner for the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference.



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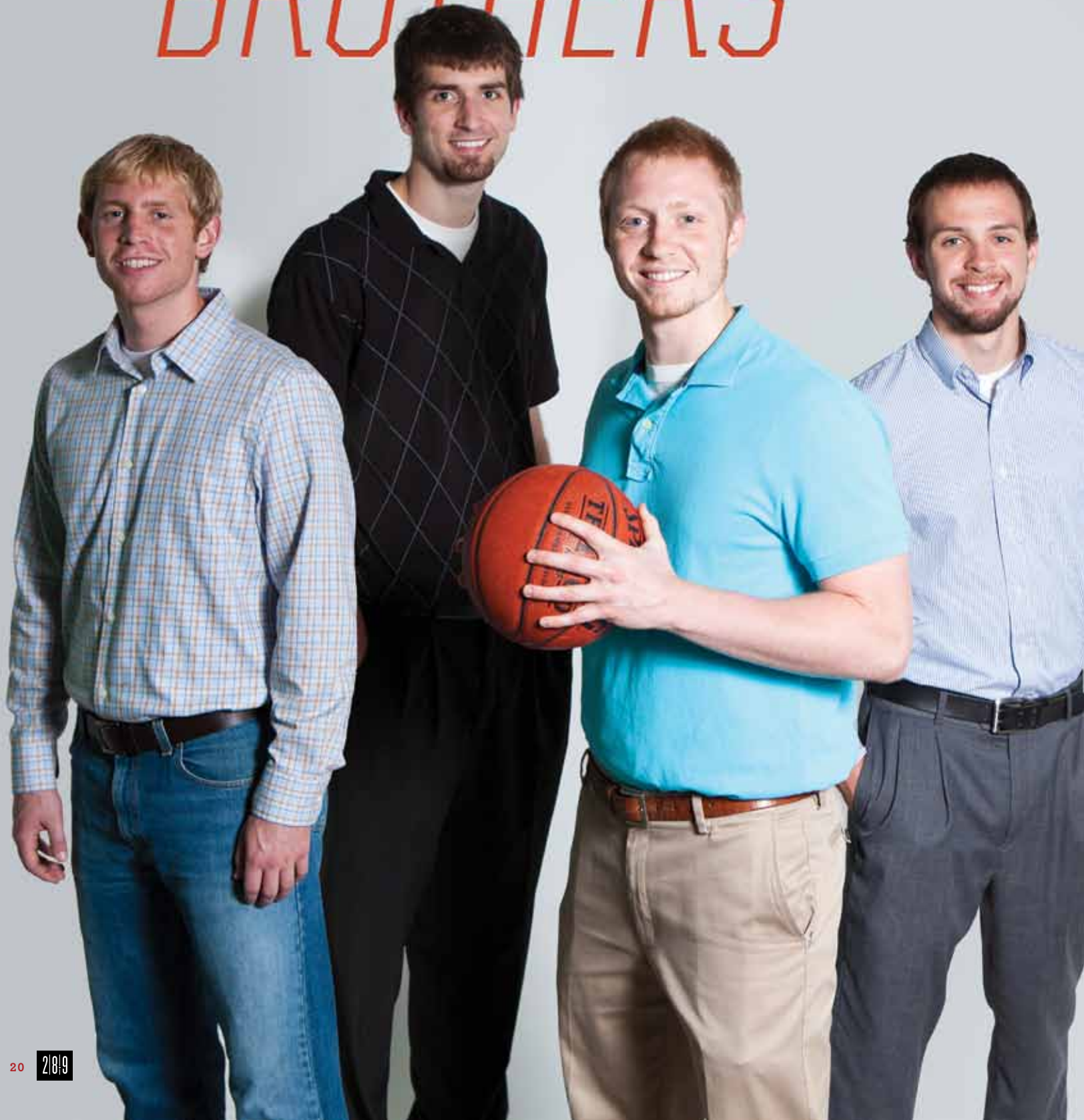
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A BEAUTIFUL MIND

AT THE AGE OF EIGHT, ASSISTANT MATH PROFESSOR DR. KRIS FARWELL KNEW HE WANTED TO BE A MATH PROFESSOR.

"I used to fill up notebooks with prime numbers when I was little, just looking for patterns." Just for kicks he wrote a simulation to find out the most popular place to land on a Monopoly board and was banned from playing the game at home. Farwell pursued his dream of teaching math and excelled at every turn. During his undergraduate studies, his classmates named a recurring project after him because he was the first one to solve it. While working on his master's degree, he wrote code for NASA that detects boundaries of objects from satellites. After Farwell earned his doctorate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, world-renowned defense contractor Lockheed Martin called and offered Farwell a job after reading his master's thesis. But Farwell knew he wanted to teach. He began at Siena College in a non-tenured track position where he started introducing interactive elements to his math classes. Siena's dean of science sat undetected in one of Farwell's math classes and afterwards invited Farwell to be a tenure track professor, stating it was the best-taught class he'd ever seen. After five years, Farwell decided to move on. Though he could be teaching at MIT or working for the Department of Defense, Farwell chose Grace. And why? "Bottom line, Grace really lives by its name." Since joining Grace's faculty last August, Farwell has dressed up like a ninja to demonstrate the famous Josephus Problem, and is often found in his office with a handful of students working at the whiteboard, proving a theorem while exciting a love of math and Jesus in every student he has.

BAND by Andrew Jones (BA 11) *of BROTHERS*



Do you recall the scene from “Remember the Titans” where Coach Boone, played by Denzel Washington, rouses the football players from slumber in the wee hours of the morning? Led by Boone, they embark on a military-style jaunt through the nearby woods. Attitudes flare and many of the teammates see this as a rude hazing, until they come through a misty clearing and face-to-face with the Gettysburg battlefield. The powerful metaphor of what happens when brothers fight each other creates an instant spirit of unity that they use throughout their championship season and for the rest of their adult lives.

“IF I HAD NOT PLAYED BASKETBALL HERE AT GRACE, I WOULD NOT HAVE GROWN SPIRITUALLY. I LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING PEOPLE AROUND YOU WHO ARE THERE WHEN LIFE IS A STRUGGLE.”

Every year before the official start of the season, the Grace men’s basketball team goes on a retreat. Players and coaches alike get away to set expectations for the season, envision specific goals and have some fun. But there is usually a catalytic thread, a unifying activity that bonds the team in very purposeful ways and teaches a specific spiritual lesson.

To start the trip, the team was confronted with a radical notion — an idea that head coach Jim Kessler (BS ’70) explained like this: “Sometimes, if we love someone ... we may not get anything out of it in return. We may end up loving them totally for their sake, which is Christ’s example.” He asked the team to carry that concept to an unknown destination warning them that they were going to likely ask themselves “Did I sign up for this?”

What Coach K had planned was a day of working with a group of boys from Pierceton Woods Academy in Pierceton, Ind. These boys were wards of the state and desperately

in need of some older brothers, some focused time and some simple, unvarnished love. The mission was to build a mile-long trail through the woods near Pierceton. But the working conditions they faced turned out to be less than savory. Torrential downpours. Mud. Soaked clothing. Senior Benjamin Euler recalls the afternoon: “It was not enjoyable at all ... but the result of the experience was gratefulness, thankfulness ... It was a good opening task for our team because it was symbolic of the service-oriented, often unpleasant rigor required during the season and in other facets of life.”

Euler, along with senior teammates Dayton Merrell, Jacob Peattie and Derek “Duke” Johnson have had a fulfilling stretch at Grace. Now as they sign off after a final, successful 24-8 season, the senior athletes are focused, not on the thrills of competition, but the joys of imitating Jesus Christ.

Peattie candidly admits, “If I had not played basketball here at Grace, I would not have grown spiritually. I learned the importance of having people around you who are there when life is a struggle.” These seniors exemplify a sense of willingness and humility to be supported by their teammates, but they have also been actively playing a supporting role too. Merrell mentored several of his fellow teammates this year; Peattie has been on three mission trips; Johnson shared the Gospel in Jamaica; Euler is headed back to his hometown to coach and mentor high school students.

“They’re an exceptional group,” says Kessler, whom each of the athletes point to as a figure who has changed the way they see their lives. “He has been a mentor ... he is what a true man of God looks like,” says Johnson.

When seniors graduate there are some big shoes to fill. Especially when the sizes are 13 to 16. But these four seniors aren’t just leaving an empty space on the roster to be filled, they’re leaving the example of humility, strength and service. They’ve championed a legacy. ✱

Left to right, seniors Benjamin Euler, Derek “Duke” Johnson, Dayton Merrell and Jacob Peattie.

ALUM NOTES

Connecting with our family of friends

DOWN THE AISLE

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Dave Enright and **Karly Arens** (BA 09): July 31, 2011. karlyenright15@gmail.com **01**

Joe Fatula and **Kate Shields** (BS 05): June 4, 2011. katojane@yahoo.com

Shane Gylling and **Melody Malenovsky** (BS 08): August 28, 2011. Melody is the marketing and education manager of the LEAN Group, LLC, located in Castle Rock CO. The Gyllings reside in Englewood CO. melodygylling@gmail.com **02**

Jayms Harris and **Bethany Thornton** (BA 06, MA 08): November 15, 2011. Bethany works for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe as a licensed professional counselor. Bethany and Jayms live in Kenai AK. bethanyjoyharris@yahoo.com **03**

Andrew Schilthuis and **Crystal Ludwig** (BA 06): September 17, 2011. Crystal received her master's in English from Kutztown University in May 2011. crystalynn84@hotmail.com **04**

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Justin (BS 11) and Megan **Biehl**: July 16, 2011. Justin is a third-grade teacher at the Busan Foreign School in Busan, Republic of Korea. striving2run@gmail.com

Ryan Walker (BS 10) and **Julene Holladay** (BS 11): July 22, 2011. The Walkers are at home in Winona Lake IN. **05**

FUTURE ALUMNI

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Daniel (BS 95) and **Marla** (**Rueck** BS 95, MA 03) **Schlatter**: Miriam Adelyn Hope, February 10, 2012. Daniel and Marla are owners of Inglenook LLC, a design/build company in Warsaw IN. schlattermd@kconline.com

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Jonathan and **Kristen** (**Fetterhoff** BS 03) **Ekhoff**: Micah Jonathan, November 1, 2011. The Ekhoff family lives in Akron IN. kristen_ekhoff@yahoo.com **06**

Andrew and **Jennifer** (**Seitz** BS 04) **Gregar**: Julia Grace, August 4, 2011. The Gregar family resides in South Bend IN. creativeseitz@gmail.com **07**

Michael (BA 04, MA 07, MA 08) and Emily **Haarer**: Corabelle Rose, September 28, 2011. The Haarer family resides in Wabash IN. mike.haarer@whitesrfs.org **08**

Eric and **Kara** (**Shirley** BA 01) **Kimes**: Jaxon Cooper, August 18, 2011. Kara is a case manager with IPMG. The Kimes family resides in Warsaw IN. ksjpgl@netzero.net **09**

Matthew (BS 02) and **Kat** (**Mutchler** BS 02) **Mason**: Lucy Jane, November 7, 2011. Lucy joins Kyla Joy (7), Eliza Grace (5) and Edward Harold (1 1/2) at home in Lancaster PA. mnkmason@hotmail.com **10**



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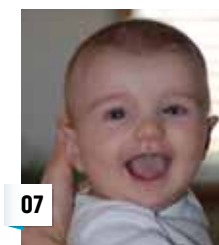
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CLASS NOTES

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Don Shoemaker (BA 66, MDiv 69), pastor emeritus of the Grace Community Church in Seal Beach CA, was honored on Feb. 25, 2012, as the Seal Beach Citizen of the Year. Cyprus College sponsored the recognition to honor citizens of several local communities. The ceremony was held at the Disneyland Grand Hotel. dnmshoemaker@verizon.net

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In February 2012, **Randy Lake** (BS 88) was named chief executive officer of Oldcastle Materials, Inc., one of four operating divisions of the International Building Materials Group, based in Dublin, Ireland. Oldcastle Materials, with its U.S. headquarters in Atlanta GA, is the largest of divisions, employing over 17,000 people and operating at more than 1,800 locations in 44 states. Oldcastle Materials is the leading vertically integrated supplier of aggregate, asphalt, ready-mix concrete and construction and paving services in the U.S. Randy most recently served as chief executive officer of Oldcastle Building Solutions. He joined Oldcastle in 1996 and has held progressively more senior operating and strategic leadership positions in Oldcastle APG and Oldcastle Materials. He holds an MBA from Marymount University, Washington DC. Randy and wife **Kelly (Murray)** BS 88 live outside of Atlanta GA with Taylor (18), Mikal (16), Alexis (14) and Madison (11). rankellake@aol.com

Ellen (Berghorn) BME 81 **Wilson** recently moved to Lafayette IN where she continues to serve as full-time director of music ministries and worship arts at First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette. Ellen and husband Michael reside in Lafayette IN. elnsing@yahoo.com

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Ray and **Evelyn (Clark)** BS 96 **Eighmey** have moved back to Grand Rapids MI. Ray is working for Northview Public Schools as an educational interpreter. Evelyn is a housewife and home-schools Josephine (12), Micah (11), JoyAnna (9) and Michelle (7). joeighmey@gmail.com **11**

Jerry Francis (BS 94) serves as the lead pastor of Great Hope Community Church in New Carlisle OH. Great Hope recently chartered after its humble beginnings in August of 2010. The church began with nine people and has grown to average

65 persons each weekend. Jerry and wife **Tamra (Moller)** BS 89 live in Dayton OH. jfrancis@greathopecommunity.com **12**

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For the last two years, **Brett Dickerson** (BA 07) has taught English in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He also is a member of the Manchester United Soccer Schools. MUSS is committed to the development of local talent through its eleven accredited UAE-based football coaches and through its rigorous coaching program. The coaches are a blend of nationalities from Morocco, UAE, United States, Holland, United Kingdom, Ghana and Romania. The MUSS Abu Dhabi coaching team has more than 350 children in the soccer school, including girls-only sessions. brett_d3@hotmail.com **13**

Beginning July 2012, **Jared** (BS 06) and Megan **Hood** will partner with Africa Inland Mission and join a TIMO team. TIMO stands for Training in Ministry Outreach and is a 2 1/2-year program designed to train future missionaries in the area of cross-cultural ministry while working with an unreached people group. Jared believes God has called all believers to be involved in fulfilling His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), whether it's as those who send, go, mobilize, welcome or pray. Jared states, "My wife and I believe God is calling us to go. We will be moving to Tanzania to live among the Rangi who are a tribe of about 400,000 people." Follow the Hood's blog at jaredandmeganhood.blogspot.com. jhood@warsaw.k12.in.us **14**

IN MEMORIAM

Pastor **Irving Wayne Bass** (BD 66) died Oct. 31, 2011. He was 82. His wife, Roberta, shares, "He died peacefully at home after a three-month illness. He is with the Lord now and is experiencing what he preached about for over 50 years. He was a very fine, godly man who lived what he preached. I was very blessed to have been married to him."

Christina 'Tina' (Marshall) BA 80 **Blackburn** of Evansville IN passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at her home. She was 54. Tina was born on April 27, 1957, in South Bend IN. She faithfully served as a pastor's wife for 32 years and ministered as a teacher for Child Evangelism Fellowship, Children's Church and Sunday school wherever her



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husband was ministering. Tina lovingly supported her husband as he pastored in Shawsville VA and Fort Wayne, Fowler, Lafayette and Vincennes IN. She most recently served at Northeast Park Baptist Church. Tina attended Moody Bible Institute and graduated from Grace College. She is survived by husband **John C. Blackburn** (MDiv 83); father Larry D. Marshall; mother, Joyce Sowers; stepfather, Randy Sowers; brothers Larry, Kerry, Kevin (Sherilyn), Mark (Jackie) and Scott Marshall; sisters Susan and Donna Marshall, Diana Cook (Gary) and Julie Helfrich (Jason); sister-in-law Becky Parrott (Larry) and nieces and nephews.

Sylvia (Hill BS 68) Jentes died Jan. 18, 2012, at the age of 68. While attending Grace College she met **Don Jentes** (BA 64, DipTh 68). They married June 15, 1968. As a pastor's wife, Sylvia lived in Garwin IA, Albuquerque NM and Hemet CA. She worked as a nurse at Hemet Valley Medical Center from the time the family moved there in 1982 until she retired in January 2001. She is survived by husband Don, daughter Sharon and son Dan.

On Jan. 22, 2012, **Carol (Firebaugh BS 87) Kantenwein** went to be with her Lord after a courageous battle with cancer. She was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma in September 2011. She was 47 at the time of her death, while at her home with her family by her side. Carol married Scott Kantenwein on June 11, 1988. She was a homemaker and taught piano lessons for many years. An active member of Wooster (OH) Grace Brethren Church, she played the piano for the choir and occasionally played at local nursing homes. She was an active adviser of the West End Roudy 'Rangler 4-H club and enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading and spending time with her family. Carol home-schooled her three daughters for several years. She will be deeply missed by

husband Scott and daughters Joy, Jenae and Jessica. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wooster Grace Brethren Church. **15**

Richard Lee Reid (MDiv 78) died Sept. 13, 2011, following a recurrence of his cancer. He was 69. Richard spent his early life in Kansas City (KS), graduating from Shawnee Mission North High School in 1960. He served in the United States Air Force from 1960-1964, most of the time at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. From 1964-1970, he lived in southern California, serving in the Long Beach Servicemen's Center, attending junior college and being involved in other areas of ministry. In 1970, he moved to Wheaton IL and completed his bachelor's of science and master's of arts at Wheaton College. On Dec. 8, 1973, he married Wanda Jean Dykstra. They had three children, Stephen, Heidi and Jeanine. From 1978-2004, Richard pastored the Conservative Congregational Church (Hollandale MN), Cut Bank Evangelical Free (Cut Bank MT) and Village Bible Church (Park Forest IL). Following his retirement in 2004, he served with Interim Pastor Ministries, holding interim pastorates in four Illinois churches: Grace Community Church (Schiller Park), Beecher Community Church (Beecher), Faith Bible Church (Joliet) and Edgewater Baptist Church (Chicago). In 2009, Richard published "Legacy of Ministry," a book presenting the principles of ministry that the Lord had taught him through the Scriptures, his mentors and his years of experience in the pastorate. Richard is survived by wife Wanda and daughter Jeanine. He was preceded in death by son Stephen and daughter Heidi. A memorial service was held at Village Evangelical Free Church with a private burial at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be sent to Village

Evangelical Free Church, 14849 93rd St., Dyer IN 46311.

Pastor **R. John Snow** (MDiv 74), a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, left his earthly home as a result of a skiing accident and entered his heavenly home on March 1, 2012, at the age of 70. John was born Aug. 24, 1941, in Ithaca NY. His education included his grade school years in a one-room schoolhouse in Caroline Center NY and graduating from Ithaca High School in 1959. He received his bachelor's in mathematics from The King's College, Briarcliff Manor NY, a master's in education in 1967 from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green OH and a master's of divinity from Grace Theological Seminary in 1974. After college he taught mathematics in junior and senior high school for seven years before he felt the Lord's call to the ministry. He served Grace Brethren churches for 34 years in various capacities including youth, music, senior pastor and executive pastor in churches in Pennsylvania, Vermont, Kansas and Ohio. For 10 years he was involved in a church-planting ministry in Irasburg VT that resulted in both a church and a Christian school. After retiring in 2007, John and wife Lucy returned to Vermont. John served as interim pastor for two years at the Lyndon Center Baptist Church, did pulpit supply as needed and until the time of his death was part-time interim associate pastor at the Union Baptist Church in St. Johnsbury VT. He is survived by Lucy, his wife of 47 years; sister Virginia Trasher (Donald); two brothers David (Joyce) and Calvin (Jean); in-laws LeRoy and Marilyn Stucky and James and Annabelle Humphrey and 18 nieces and nephews. John enjoyed interacting with people and delighted in his hobbies which included woodworking, gardening, fishing, skiing and snowmobiling. A celebration service was held at the Union Baptist Church in St. Johnsbury VT with



Pastor Paul Powers officiating. Memorial donations made in John's memory may be directed to the Gideon's International, c/o Union Baptist Church, 932 US RTE 5, Waterford VT 05189.

Norma Jane Stech (BS 66, S 69) passed away Jan. 9, 2012, at the age of 71. Norma received her bachelor's degree from Grace College, a master's degree from St. Francis University and an endorsement in learning disabilities from Ball State University. She retired after 44 years of teaching at Warsaw Christian School in Warsaw IN. Norma was a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw. She is survived by brothers Richard, Wayne and Gary Lofton and sisters Linda D'Amoto and Sandra Lofton. Pastor **Howard Immel** (BS 64, S 65) officiated her funeral service. Memorial donations made in Norma's name may be directed to Warsaw Christian School, 909 S Buffalo St., Warsaw IN 46580.

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REACHING OUT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Homecoming is always a treasured time of reconnecting with old friends and enjoying the Grace community and campus. However, in celebration of Grace's 75th Anniversary, we've planned some additional events that you won't want to miss. Take a moment to peruse the schedule of events (listed on the fold-out of the magazine), and consider coming back for the Tailgate BBQ (games for kids and time to hang with your favorite professor), the Alpha Bell Vow Renewal Ceremony (remember ringing it when you got engaged?), the Golden Grad Society Induction (a recognition of those of you who graduated from 1950 to 1962) and the Phil Keaggy Concert. We've packed the weekend with events that give you time to relax, enjoy one another's company and celebrate what God is doing.

I also want to thank you for participating in the new Grace Alumni Directory. We've contracted with Harris Connect to compile updated contact information from our alumni, and the directory will be released sometime this fall.

As I finish my first academic year at Grace, I am overwhelmed by what a joy it is to serve you. I look forward to meeting many of you this November, and if there's any way I can assist you, don't hesitate to contact me. For up-to-date information on alumni events, resources and news, visit www.grace.edu/alumni and follow us on Facebook (search "Grace Alumni Community").

Enjoy the summer,



Tammy Denlinger

Tammy Denlinger (BS 81, MA 88) | Alumni Director

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Nancy Jo (Nye BS 68) Weirich went to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on Jan. 16, 2012, at her home in Hagerstown MD. She was the daughter of Betty L. Nye, who survives her, and the late W. Joe Nye. Nancy was a member of Paramount Baptist Church and a former member of Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church. A 1964 graduate of North Hagerstown High School, she received her bachelor's degree from Grace and her master's degree from St. Francis University in Fort Wayne IN. Nancy taught elementary school beginning in Rome City IN and ending in Washington County MD schools.

She was a dialysis patient for 12 years at Robinwood Dialysis. In 2001, she was diagnosed with scleroderma and endured many operations and procedures. Survivors include her husband of 45 years, **Ned** (BS 66) of Hagerstown MD; son **Nathan** (C 92), wife Elissa and children Nathan II, Madison and Devon Osborne of Sharpsburg MD; son **Jeffrey** (C 89), wife Danielle and children Reghan and Parker of Virginia Beach VA. A memorial service was held at the Paramount Baptist Church in Hagerstown MD with the Reverend Dr. Larry Rickard officiating. **16**

Pastor Terry Zolman (S 73) was ushered into the arms of Jesus on Dec. 14, 2011. God wrapped his arms around Terry's wife Julie, their children and grandchildren as they watched their dear husband, father and grandfather go to be with the Savior whom he loved and served for so many years. Terry was the senior pastor at Merriam Christian Chapel for 32 years. Prior to serving at the church, he and Julie were missionaries in New Zealand. God richly blessed them with 18 grandchildren.

The Passing of Phyllis Kantenwein



Phyllis Kantenwein (C 69) was known as the "voice" of Grace College and Seminary during her years of service as the campus switchboard operator. She went home to be with her Savior on Dec. 16, 2011, after a fall and brief illness. She was 78. Her memorial service was held at the Pleasant View Bible Church, Warsaw IN, where she served as the organist for many years. Phyllis began her 25 years of employment at Grace in 1974. She worked part time in the college cafeteria. Among her duties was by-hand potato peeling. Phyllis would come home and tell her family that she did not want to see another potato, and if they wanted any, then it was their responsibility to prepare them! Before long, a position opened in the campus post office. Eventually, she became the post office supervisor. At that time, the switchboard was located in the same area as the post office. Phyllis became the supervisor of the switchboard operator and gained much experience answering the phone herself. There are many stories of her hard work ethic but especially of the laughter, fun and enjoyment working with her co-workers. Students would stop by the office for a fun and relaxing moment in their day. Phyllis worked at Cedarville University for two years as a part-time switchboard operator, but then returned to Grace as the full-time switchboard operator until her retirement in 2001. When she retired, **Dr. David Plaster** (BA 71, MDiv 74, ThM 84) stated, "I have had many people off-campus comment on the friendly and helpful switchboard operator at Grace. Behind the scenes, she has been an important part of what happens in the academic office. She has been a good friend." Following her retirement, she continued to assist on the switchboard as needed for about eight years. On April 11, 1996, she received the GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award for her service to Grace Schools. She also worked with the academic dean's office and the Doctor of Ministry program. After her

retirement in 2001, she volunteered her time answering the phone for the Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries. She also served at Jefferson School, helping elementary students with their reading skills. A multitude of precious memories of Phyllis have been received by her family regarding her gentle spirit, helpfulness, thoughtfulness, friendliness, infectious humor and laughter, interaction with the college and seminary students, her willingness to assist the faculty and staff and her musical ability as a contralto soloist, pianist and organist. Born in Altoona PA, she came from a musical family and was herself a gifted musician. She served as soloist in her high school musical productions and sang gospel music with her two older brothers throughout central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. Phyllis belonged to a gospel trio and quartet that did some traveling. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, she sang in a trio with **Ella Male** (C78) (spouse **William Male** BD 55) and Joyce Deane (spouse **Vilas Deane** S 71). They called themselves "the Doctors' Wives." Phyllis was always active and faithful in the music ministry of her local church and taught piano for 17 years. In 2002, she released a CD of solos with her own accompaniment titled "Songs from the Heart." Phyllis is survived by her husband of almost 55 years, **Dr. Lee L. Kantenwein** (BD 68, ThM 71, ThD 79), four children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her life verse was Philippians 1:6, "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Phyllis was used by her heavenly Father to touch a multitude of lives through her music and spoken word. She exhibited a God-fearing and Christ-centered reputation. Her husband Lee declares that upon her death, heaven became a sweeter place.

IN JANUARY 2012, TWO ANONYMOUS GRACE ALUMNI GAVE \$75,000 TO ESTABLISH AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF DR. JESSE D. HUMBERD (MDIV 54), the late professor emeritus who served Grace College & Seminary for 37 years. The endowed fund will provide scholarship awards to students majoring in mathematics and science.

Dr. Humbert began teaching at Grace College when it 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. One of his greatest achievements was the construction of the Cooley Science Center in 1977. Dr. Humbert retired from teaching full-time in 1991.



Dr. Jesse D. Humbert

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— **Dr. Ron Manahan** (MDiv 70, ThM77, ThD 82)

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Associate Dean of Students Aaron Crabtree (BS 99), Vice President for Academic and Student Services Dr. Jim Swanson, President Dr. Ron Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) and Vice President of Advancement Dr. John Boal (BS 84) with Grace students at the new residence hall site.

Enrollment is not the only thing that's going up at Grace this year. In May, ground was broken for a 13,000-square-foot residence hall after the Board of Trustees approved its design and development last year. The board also voted in March on a measure to keep costs under \$3 million. Architect firm Design Collaborative and contractor Wiegand Construction, both responsible for the Orthopaedic Capital

Center's design and construction in 2007, won the project bid. Located between the Cooley Science Center and Beta Hall, the three-level hall will house 62 students on the top two levels with men and women on opposite wings; it will share a common lobby for community studying, cooking and relaxing. The hall will be ready for students in the fall of 2013 and has not yet been named.

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Aug. 18: New Student Orientation

Sept. 5: Convocation Chapel

Oct. 9: Panel Presentation & Reception featuring "Journeys in American Evangelisms: 75 Years of Higher Education at Grace College and Theological Seminary," Part I

Nov. 1-4: Homecoming 2012

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March 21: Presidential Dinner

May 11: 75th Commencement

