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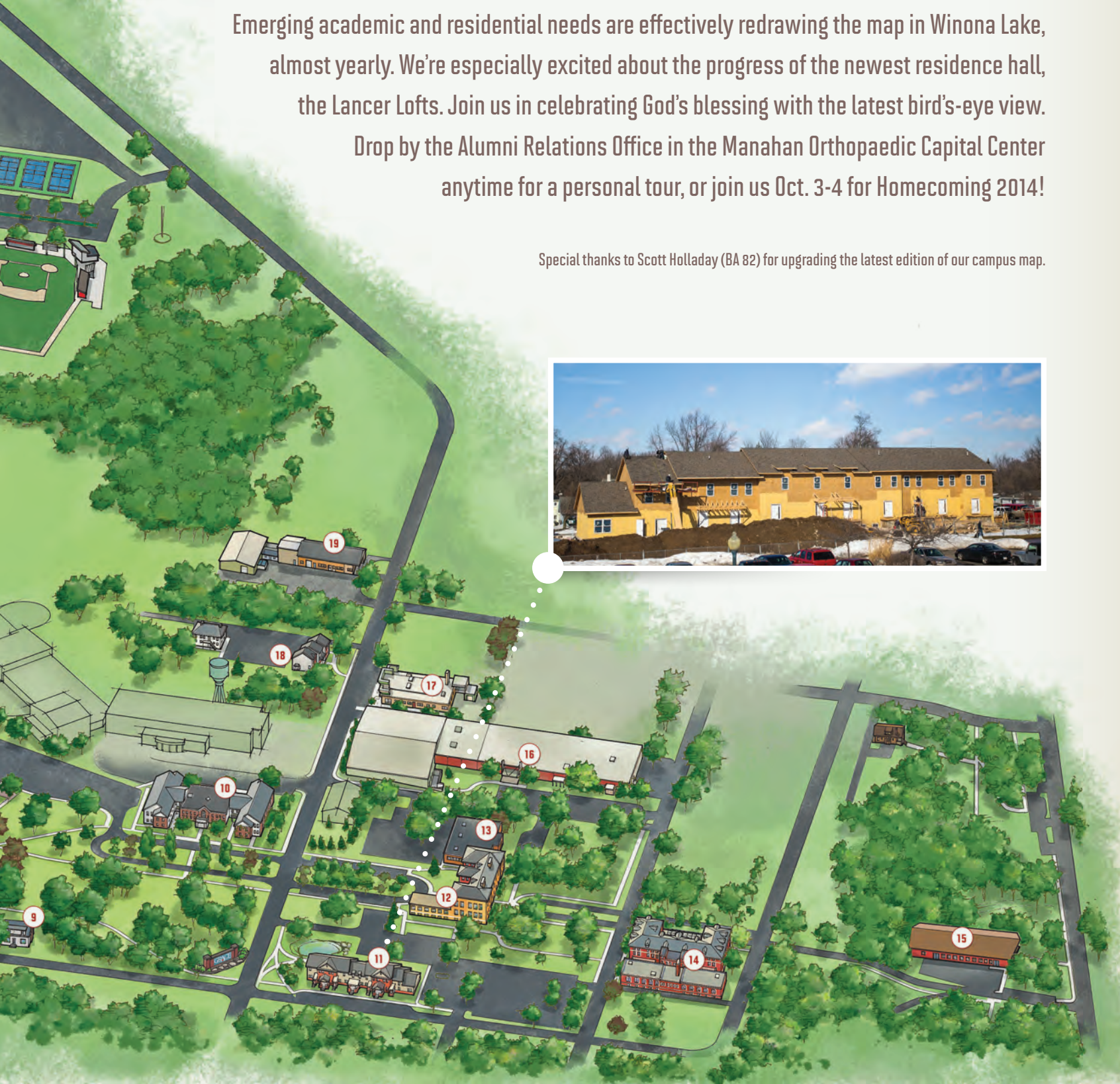


# The New Lancer Landscape

Emerging academic and residential needs are effectively redrawing the map in Winona Lake, almost yearly. We're especially excited about the progress of the newest residence hall, the Lancer Lofts. Join us in celebrating God's blessing with the latest bird's-eye view.

Drop by the Alumni Relations Office in the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center anytime for a personal tour, or join us Oct. 3-4 for Homecoming 2014!

Special thanks to Scott Holladay (BA 82) for upgrading the latest edition of our campus map.



## Most Scripture translations don't use the word "venture," but there are plenty of them in the Bible.

Moses ventured into the unknown to lead his people to the Promised Land. David ventured out to meet Goliath — with amazing results. The apostle Paul ventured north and west on three amazing missionary journeys. The Galilean fishermen dropped their nets and ventured out, responding to Jesus' invitation, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

What does venturing mean today — and what does it mean to Grace College & Seminary?

Our mission and our grounding are stable. We believe the Bible is sufficient revelation for all we need to obtain salvation and to gain guidance for daily living. We believe God created the heavens, the earth and everything therein. And we believe the biblical creation order provides a pattern for much of life.

But methods? And ways to accomplish our mission? There is where venturing comes into play big-time!

We venture into more affordable education with three-year bachelor's degrees, four-year B.A./M.A. combinations and completely online degrees.

We venture into relevant education with required applied learning, with creating programs that match the employment needs of our community and the world and with degrees that add value in areas such as the environment and human services.

And we continue to venture into new ways to help young people develop their character, understand the Christian's role in today's world and develop an appetite for service and social justice. We venture through partnerships — with Trine University in engineering degrees; with Bethel College in nursing degrees; and with urban partners to serve constituencies in Fort Wayne, Detroit, Indianapolis and elsewhere.

Pray with us that we will always be appropriate venturers and risk-takers. Nothing dangerous. Nothing foolish. Yet not so timid that the Spirit of God has no opportunity to "do a new thing" as we dare to venture in new things.

Venturing onward,

*Bill Katip*

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





# VENTURE

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If you are a regular reader of 2|8|9, you expect us to use a theme word that puts a conceptual bow on the stories you're about to read. We find unusual words that arouse the senses, pique interest and create curiosity.

The word “**venture**” is not inherently flamboyant per se. It's actually quite common to hear it on the nightly news or in business contexts like “venture capitalism” or starting “a brand new venture”—where it simply means “an enterprise.” But upon closer inspection of word's origin, it's clear that we've somehow lost the potency of the original, more telling, definition. It's one that exposes us to the grist and grit of what real life is like:

*A venture is an important undertaking, likely to involve uncertainty, exposure to risk, resistance and even some danger. It is where people dare to go in the pursuit and defense of ideals like hope, joy, justice, peace, love, dignity, goodness, righteousness.*

Now that's a definition worthy of our attention.

As followers of Christ, it is clear we are all called to a **venture**. I like the way Teddy Roosevelt so eloquently put it: We are to be people “in the arena, marred by dust and sweat and blood; who

strive valiantly; who err, who come up short again and again ... who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spend themselves in worthy causes ... so that our place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Aren't those the type of individuals we want to see graduating from Grace College & Seminary? Field tested. Tried and true. Ambitious. Persistent. Pursuing greatness. Pursuing hard after God. Adventure-ous.

The stories in this issue are about our students, faculty and alumni, who are pursuing important undertakings and daring to go places in the world and defend ideals that please the heart of God. We know you'll be blessed in hearing about them.



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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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# BEYOND THE ADVENTURE

by Andrew Jones (BA 11)

From sea to shining sea, the United States is a big place. But what about the other direction from Mexico to Canada? For example, how long do you suppose it would take to drive across the country from, say, the south of New Mexico to the north of Montana? And what if you only had a bike? One of the most popular direct routes is the Tour Divide. It's a serpentine trail that stretches all the way from Antelope Wells, N.M., to Banff, Alberta, in Canada.



Alumni Dave Wildman (left) and Tim Devlin are preparing for their Tour Divide ride June 9-July 11.





## Ride Elevation Profile



## How far is that?

Brace yourselves, pedestrians and weekend cyclers: you're looking at about 2,740 miles on trails that run across seven states, up over 200,000 feet of combined elevation, through numerous mountain ranges and over a border between two countries. You'd have to be insane to do that on a mountain bike, right?

Luckily, a great number of people can vouch for Grace grads Dave Wildman (BS 11) and Tim Devlin's (BA 07) sanity and even more who believe in the journey on which they are about to embark. "There are going to be so many breakdowns," Wildman admits, "moments we'll just want to turn around and give up. We're going to have to rely on God 110 percent to get us from point A to point B." Yes, Wildman and Devlin are really planning on riding the Tour Divide in 34 days, and no, they are not insane. But they are on a mission.

Wildman comes from a family that loves and prioritizes two things: endurance sports and Jesus. Out of that love was born an outreach called 2nd Mile Adventures. It connects men, family and youth with opportunities to ski, bike, fundraise and disciple, all while getting to know God on a deeper and more active level. Co-founded by Rod and Brent Wildman — Dave's uncle and father, respectively — 2nd Mile is now directed by Dave who connected with Devlin through 2nd Mile Adventures and volunteering at the Warsaw Community Church youth group where they both lead small groups.

Both men got a chance to experience segments of the Tour Divide route during excursions with 2nd Mile Adventures. But when Devlin watched a documentary about the almost 3,000-mile ride and Wildman started throwing around the possibility of their doing the full trip as a team, they were hooked. It also became immediately clear to both of them that the ride wasn't just going to be about the

prestige of getting from one side of the U.S. to the other. It needed to have a purpose, a goal.

So Wildman began making some calls.

"When Dave started connecting with 2nd Mile Adventure's sister organization, 2nd Mile Missions, for me that's when the ride became less about my physical ability and more about how the Lord was going to use my passion," says Devlin. A few conversations later, what had started out as a personal dare morphed into the mission of a lifetime. It was simple: get the word out, ride the Tour and raise \$25,000 for an orphanage in the Dominican Republic city of Bavaro.

That was last summer. Things have come quite a long way since then.

For starters, they're just two months from the launch now. They've been training rigorously and raising awareness for the trip. A full-length documentary about their epic ride is in the works. And, most importantly (as of February 2014), they've raised over \$14,000 for the orphanage.

"I didn't think we'd be here already," says Wildman honestly, chuckling in astonishment at God's providence. Support has poured in from the initiative's website and Facebook page ever since they went live online in November 2013. They are confident that they'll





A tornado spotting during one of Tim Devlin's Rides.

meet their deadline, but Wildman says that they'd love to keep raising more for the kids in the DR. "It's amazing to see all the people who have jumped on board by donating their own abilities to what we're doing."

So what obstacles lie ahead for the duo as they prepare for the June 9th start? Well, there are a lot of things to consider: wild animals, unpredictable weather, extreme fatigue, bitter cold nights and a treacherous 80 miles to overcome each day. Notice that "giving up" isn't on that list. For Devlin and Wildman, it's just not an option, but maybe not for the reasons you'd think. "We're doing this for kids that can't just turn around and change their circumstances. If they can have hope through the extreme hardships of their lives, then we can make it to the end of this trail," says Wildman.

As for the physical demands of the trip itself, Devlin's got a pretty straightforward plan: "Bundle up and deal with it," he says with a

laugh — this from a guy who recently played chicken with a tornado on one of his bike trips.


For both men this is more than just a chance to put their stamina, wilderness survival skills and athletic heroism to the test. Devlin sums it up well by describing the Tour Divide project as "a process."

"I'm learning more and more that we're not finished until God calls us home," he says. "This isn't just a short term missions project for us. Eventually, when eternity comes to fruition, it's going to be a part of something so much bigger."

The ride itself may be long, harrowing and intimidating. But what Devlin and Wildman agree on is that it's nowhere near as big as what God can do through people who are willing to dedicate their adventure to His glory. \*

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To participate in and follow Wildman and Devlin's Tour Divide adventure, visit their Facebook page and website:

 <http://www.facebook.com/tourdivideTD>

 <http://tourdividetimdave.wordpress.com/about>



# Dr. John Lillis: LIFE OUTSIDE THE BOX

by Andrew Jones (BA 11)

“WHAT REALLY DREW ME HERE IS THAT GRACE IS THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX,” SAYS DR. JOHN LILLIS, GRACE’S NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

Lillis is no stranger to the world “outside the box.” He comes to the school with an illustrious leadership and administrative background. But it’s his unique experience and dynamic leadership that make him distinct.

Lillis — whose career has included a stint in the Air Force, work as a nuclear engineer and eight years in the Far East — is one of those individuals about whom you wonder, “What haven’t you done?” In his case, the answer is “very little.” Though Lillis has been involved with teaching and educational administration for most of his life, he’s still a bit of a renaissance man: writer, scientist, pastor, missionary, father, scholar, the list goes on.

It’s no surprise then that Grace is welcoming not just a new administrator, but someone who understands its vision. “I think Grace is leading the pack in Christian colleges. I’ve worked literally all over the world in Christian education,” Lillis says, “and I have not seen such organizational momentum as they have here. It’s going to carry this institution into the future.”

Lillis begins full time at Grace this April, but until then, have a look at a few things that put this man far beyond the boundaries of “the box.”



## **Favorite city:**

Prague, Czech Republic



## **Philosophy of academics in one sentence:**

To prepare learners to be effective salt and light in the world throughout their lives regardless of their chosen vocation.



## **Thing you will miss most about California:**

Weather and diverse population



## **Not very many people know you like:**

Bluegrass Music



## **Favorite cuisine:**

French followed closely by Indian



## **“Fun fact” about yourself:**

I have been married over 43 years to my best friend and soul mate.



## **Favorite person from Scripture:**

The apostle Paul because he was obsessed with the person and work of Jesus Christ.





# CAREER CATAPULT

by Andrew Jones (BA II)

## THE LILLY ENDOWMENT AND GRACE COLLEGE PARTNER TO LAUNCH SKILLED GRADUATES FURTHER INTO THE WORKFORCE



Freshman Savannah Balluch at her Applied Learning position at Lake City Radio Station with Jay Michaels, her supervisor.

The Lilly Endowment Inc. is renowned for putting its money where its mouth is. Or more precisely, where its mission is. The endowment exists to “support the causes of religion, education and community development” with a “special emphasis to projects that benefit young people and promote leadership education.” In October 2013, the endowment approved 39 schools to receive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million.

Grace College was one of those 39, receiving a \$1 million grant to enhance and develop its applied learning initiative — giving students a hands-on, immersive experience that goes well beyond the theoretical and into the practical. Grace continues to fulfill the endowment’s dream of connecting Indiana’s marketplace and employers with emerging graduates’ skills and strengths. Its dedication to partnering students and the local job market is already attracting local and statewide attention.

“We recognize two things about the state of higher education and today’s college student,” says Steve Carlson, Grace’s registrar

### CENTER FOR CAREER CONNECTIONS



and one of the chief grant writers. First, he explains, “there is an increased expectation of the return on investment that parents and students are expressing.” Second, “today’s college student — the millennial learner — gains more from hands-on learning.” These basic principles are providing the framework for what the school is calling the Center for Career Connections, a program



that is integrated with the undergraduate curriculum and aimed at connecting students early and often to Indiana employers.

The center will use the Lilly grant to increase students' involvement in internships, get them involved in career-preparation experiences and ensure that employment numbers are on the rise. "The main purpose behind the center is to take the students on an experiential journey," says Denise Terry, director of the Center for Career Connections. "This journey begins with applied learning experiences which help solidify the students' direction as they pursue an academic area of study and potential career paths." These experiences, Terry goes on to explain, then lead to meaningful internship opportunities, partnerships with local employers and ultimately the next chapter of the journey: employment. "All along the way we are committed to providing training and programs geared towards professional development and career readiness," Terry reiterates.

But the important question for both organizations like Lilly and especially prospective students is, "Does your applied learning model actually work?" The numbers in the proposal confirm its effectiveness:

**164 ORGANIZATIONS**

have agreed to partner with Grace's applied learning program

**148 OF THE 164 ORGANIZATIONS**

are Indiana employers

**169 STUDENTS**

have been placed in applied learning sites since spring 2012

**83 DIFFERENT SITES**

have hosted an applied learning student since spring 2012

By the numbers, these are major achievements. Grace has consistently backed its priorities up with results, a fact the Lilly Endowment has repeatedly acknowledged and supported through initiatives like the Millennial Scholar Academy, the Orthopaedic Scholar Institute and the Orthopaedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs Program.

Grace President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) knows the institution has room for improvement. "We need to get better at marketing our students' potential to our area employers as well as increasing the breadth of our academic programming," he says. But there's also a distinct advantage in play here in 2014. "Grace had a head start, perhaps over some, because we had already developed an applied learning program," continues Katip. "This grant gives us additional support to help expand this program for our students and improve our connections with employers."

Throughout its history, Grace College has recognized two vital things about academics: 1) God is good, and 2) perseverance and responsibility are rewarding. The future is never perfectly clear, but the school's strong leadership and a history of decisions grounded in character, competence and service have undeniably put Grace on the path to genuine, student-oriented success.

## FRESHMAN SAVANNAH BALLUCH IS LOGGING SIX APPLIED LEARNING HOURS EACH WEEK AT LAKE CITY RADIO STATION IN WARSAW, IND., THIS SEMESTER.



As a communications and psychology major, Balluch has been learning how the station organizes each broadcast, records commercials and edits tracks and recordings. She says having the opportunity to "try out" what broadcasting would look like as a career has been significant in helping her refine her career goals. "It is so clear that the Applied Learning program cares personally for each student and wants to work to make sure students are comfortable in these environments," observes Balluch. "The program, in all honesty, is part of the reason I decided on this career path. I was pursuing something that did not feel right and after talking with Randy Polston [director of Applied Learning], he encouraged me to explore other options and really helped me hone in on my own path."



# DEFENDING DIGNITY

by Kerith Ackley-Jelinek

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Rebekah Pinkham (BA 06) takes a rickshaw into work every day. She's fallen in love with naan (a type of flatbread) and doesn't need a glass of milk to wash down spicy food. She no longer feels inefficient stopping for tea twice a day or engaging in an hour conversation with her colleagues. And even more than her broadened palate and increased appreciation for differing social values, her heart has been enlarged for the poor, the vulnerable, the defenseless.





Pinkham is nearing the end of her one-year fellowship as a recruiter with International Justice Mission's (IJM) field office in South Asia. U.S. News & World Report named IJM one of the top 10 non-profits who are making a difference — and their work is regularly featured in The New York Times, Christianity Today and Forbes Magazine. IJM is a non-profit human rights organization, made up of lawyers, investigators, aftercare professionals (social workers) and support staff that rescue victims of slavery, prosecute perpetrators and work to protect the poor through the justice system. The South Asia office of 70 staff members works specifically to rescue victims of forced labor.

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Pinkham grew up hearing stories from her parents, who travelled with the military before she was born, and this bred a sense of adventure in her. But she never imagined being so hands-on in the anti-slavery movement. “I knew I wanted to travel the world, and a business degree seemed the most practical way to do it.” While working on her bachelor’s degree at Grace, she took advantage of every opportunity to experience different cultures and environments. “One of the things that influenced me most at Grace was how I was able to get involved with things outside of the college walls,” Pinkham recalls. “I went to Chicago several times and was exposed to homelessness; I visited missionaries and saw severe poverty for the first time.”

After graduating from Grace and completing her graduate work, Pinkham took a few short-term human resources jobs before traveling to Seoul, South Korea, to teach English. It was during her time in South Korea that she was exposed firsthand to modern day slavery. “South Korea is a tier 1 country — meaning they have all the laws in place to prevent human trafficking. But you see Filipino ‘juicy girls’ trafficked to bars outside of every military installation to ‘take care’ of U.S. soldiers stationed in Korea.” Pinkham wasn’t sure what she could do, but God began stirring her heart for justice.

Soon after, she read the book “Not for Sale” that exposes the \$32 billion global slave trade and the modern abolitionists who are fighting to end it and attended one of their conferences. Even though her interest continued to grow, she couldn’t see where her skillset would fit. After returning home from Korea, Pinkham landed a great job with a small start-up tech firm in Indianapolis. “It was a good paying job. I was comfortable,” recalls Pinkham. But after a seemingly coincidental meeting with a friend-of-a-friend in Las Vegas, Pinkham learned about a fellowship program with IJM that offered positions in a wide variety of areas. With just a couple weeks to apply before the

deadline, Pinkham decided to take a step of faith and apply. IJM accepted her into the program in December 2012 and assigned her a position in Asia starting in June 2013.



Pinkham had five months to raise funds for her yearlong fellowship. “My first donation was \$10 — like .0002 percent of what I needed. I remember sitting down and crying. I was thankful, but overwhelmed by how much further I had to go. But God provided plenty of encouragement along the way. I remember being especially discouraged one morning, but later on that afternoon receiving a check for \$1,000.” God cleared the way for Pinkham quickly, and when she arrived at her IJM assignment in South Asia, she said the transition was fairly easy. She’d lived abroad before, but her work in South Asia exposed her weaknesses quickly. “It was like there was a microscope on my flaws,” Pinkham says. Her temper flared regularly — from being overcharged for a rickshaw ride, to a handyman who didn’t deliver on his promise.





And working to free those who are enslaved takes its toll. “We take for granted that for the most part, we have a judicial and legal process that works. But here, we’ve seen instances where the police take bribes, and the government doesn’t want to process extra paperwork. At times, greed and corruption have prevented cases of atrocities from being confronted. We see horrible things people do and it builds up righteous anger in you. ‘How can owners be so evil and to children and women?’ But I’ve learned to point my anger at actions not at people. God loves the factory owner and brick kiln owner who are doing these terrible things just as much as He cares about the victims themselves.”

It’s why the selfless example of her colleagues has been so impactful. “Going into this job, I had a heart for justice, but God’s grown it exponentially. Just hearing the brave stories of our clients and our staff, I have such respect for the godly men and women who work here, and I want to grow to be more like them. They willingly give up their time and resources and even put themselves in harm’s way and danger to provide justice for people to live freely with dignity and respect.”

As a counter-balance to the suffering they observe, Pinkham says her office takes every opportunity to celebrate wins and to bring joy to the workplace. There are parties for birthdays and job anniversaries and Pinkham says her office loves pranks. “We’re a huge pranking office,” she laughs. “We construct elaborate pranks on a regular basis, and it helps to keep things in perspective. We know the work we do is important and serious, but we also know God is in control, and so it’s good to find ways to bring joy to our day.”

Pinkham will come back to Indianapolis in May and isn’t sure yet what she’ll do professionally. But she says whether at work or outside of it, she’ll continue to fight for justice. “After being a part of a team that investigates slavery, rescues people, and advocates for laws and penalties against trafficking a human being, I can’t avoid continuing in the spirit of that work and passion wherever God leads me next.” ✨



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Enjoy some of our favorite tweets and Instagram photos which captured some of our best, funniest and most memorable moments from the past couple months — from Dr. Katip's presidency to the polar vortex to how to make it to chapel on time.



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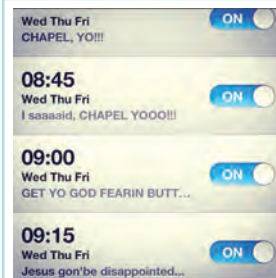
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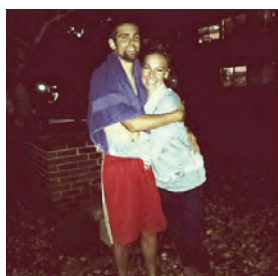
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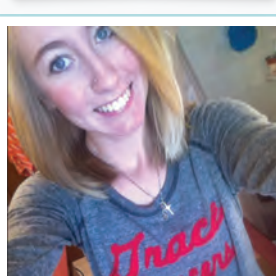
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Great celebration this morning for Dr. Katip's  
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As I prepare for my licensure exams I'm reflecting  
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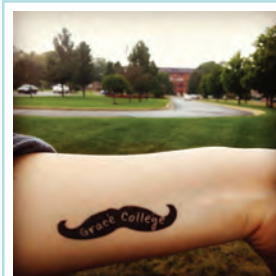
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I'm pretty sure @gracecollege officially has the  
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family!



This place is starting to  
feel like home. #Winona  
#GraceCollege #LoveIt



Just representin' Grace  
College and my awesome  
fake mustache tattoo.  
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# AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS & AMBITIONS

BY JOSH NEUHART (BS 11)

## GRACE COLLEGE TO HOST NCCAA BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS THROUGH 2017

IN JANUARY THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCCAA) ANNOUNCED A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH GRACE COLLEGE AS HOST FOR THE 2015–2017 DIVISION I MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD IN THE 2,200–SEAT MANAHAN ORTHOPAEDIC CAPITAL CENTER (MOCC).

“This is a great day for our athletic department, campus and community,” Athletics Director Chad Briscoe said. “We are humbled and thankful to be selected by the NCCAA for the opportunity to host both of these national championships.” Grace has served as a national tournament host since 2009, hosting the NCCAA women’s basketball championships for three years before adding the men’s basketball tournament in 2012.

“The NCCAA is thrilled and blessed to have Grace College renew their bid and support to host the Division I Basketball Championships,” said NCCAA Executive Director Dan Wood. “With the return of Chad Briscoe, along with the continued support and excellence of the whole athletic staff, we look forward to three more years of outstanding competition and community service impact to the Winona Lake/Warsaw area.”

Crossroads League Commissioner J.D. Collins added how pleased he is for Grace to be awarded another three-year contract to host the NCCAA National Championships. “The MOCC at Grace is one of the best small college facilities in the nation, and the NCCAA National Tournament will continue to be a premier national tournament.”







The Grace men's basketball team celebrates its 1,000th win alongside many Lancer basketball alumni during a special ceremony held at the MOCC's center court.

## GRACE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM REACHES 1,000 WINS

After 57 seasons, 4 coaches and more than 1,700 games, the Grace men's basketball team achieved their 1,000th win on Jan. 21 against Mt. Vernon Nazarene. Grace became just the fourth Crossroads League team — along with Taylor, Huntington and Bethel — to reach the 1,000 win mark.

"God has blessed all of the men through the years who have worn Lancer red and white," said Head Coach Jim Kessler (BS 70). "Being a Lancer myself, I can say 'we.' We all own a piece of those 1,000 wins. It's something that we've all accomplished together, and we should all feel a sense of pride in that. In the collegiate environment, we don't have success without the support of the administration and lots of support from people and fans through the years. There are times that our fans have carried us — lots of people have contributed and worked very hard, and so this is really a tribute to our student body and players."

Grace hosted a special celebration in February to honor Kessler at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center. Athletics Director Chad Briscoe presented special No. 1,000 Lancer jerseys to Kessler, Grace President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) and Vice President of Student & Academic Services Jim Swanson. Lancer basketball alumni were also invited to the ceremony and gathered together at center court for a photo, prayer and time of fellowship.

"The achievement of 1,000 program wins is a historical moment for our men's basketball program and institution," said Briscoe. "Many student athletes, coaches and support staff have assisted with reaching this milestone, which adds to the rich history of our men's basketball program. We look forward to the next 1,000 wins and the continued pursuit of Christian excellence through basketball at Grace College."



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# NOTEWORTHY NEWS

BY MARIJEAN (WEGERT BA 11) SANDERS

## GRACE RANKED AMONG THE MOST EFFICIENT MIDWEST COLLEGES

Grace College recently placed in the Regional Midwest Colleges category of an exclusive U.S. News and World Report list, "Weighing the Efficiency of Highly Ranked Universities." This report is a cross analysis of the U.S. News and World Report rankings and an efficiency scale. U.S. News measured a school's financial resources by taking into account how much it spent per student on instruction, research, student services and related educational expenditures. The schools included in the list were those producing the highest educational quality, as determined by their place in the 2014 Best Colleges rankings, but spending relatively less on educational programs to achieve that quality.



## GRACE RANKED 11TH "BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK" BACCALAUREATE COLLEGE

Washington Monthly recently listed Grace College as No. 11 in "Best Bang for the Buck," a select list of the colleges in America that do the best job of helping middle- and lower- class students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices. Colleges included on the list met four criteria including 20 percent of their students receive Pell Grants; a graduation rate of at least 50 percent; and a student loan default rate of 10 percent or less. Out of the 1,572 colleges and universities in the broader rankings, only 349 made the cut as best-bang-for-the-buck schools. Grace College was ranked 11th in the Baccalaureate Colleges division and was the fourth Indiana college listed overall.

## GRACE COLLEGE AND AMBASSADOR ENTERPRISES PARTNER ON ACCELERATED BACHELOR PROGRAM IN FORT WAYNE



### SUMMIT SCHOLARS

the opportunity to earn an accelerated three-year bachelor's degree in a unique hybrid-online format.

Ambassador Enterprises purchased The Summit campus in 2011, formerly the Fort Wayne Bible College and later Taylor University. In fall 2011, Grace College Fort Wayne began occupying a portion of the campus to offer a commuter associate degree program called the Weber School. Grace and Ambassador's new program, called Summit Scholars of Grace College, will offer an accelerated cohort style bachelor's

degree, where students will complete their coursework online, but also come to campus for one-week residencies at the beginning of every eight-week session to participate in applied learning and leadership modules with their classmates.

"This innovative new concept will be offered at an affordable rate and open doors to allow more individuals to receive a quality, biblically based bachelor's degree," says Grace President Bill Katip (BA 74). CEO of Ambassador Enterprises Daryle Doden agrees, "Ambassador Enterprises is pleased to work with Grace College in designing a high quality education experience that is responsive to the financial pressures on today's students and their families. The creation of the Summit Scholars program is an example of what can happen when higher education and the business community collaborate."





Pictured left to right: Dr. Kelly Manahan Geisler, Dr. Dane Miller, Dr. Ron Manahan, Dr. Bill Katip and Mayor Joe Thallemer

## MANAHAN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SAGAMORE AWARD

Former Grace President Ronald Manahan (MDiv 70, ThM 77, ThD 82) was honored with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash award in February. The Sagamore of the Wabash Award is one of Indiana's highest honors bestowed by the governor. It's awarded to those who have rendered distinguished service to the state or to the governor. An honorary award created by the state of Indiana during the term of Governor Ralph F. Gates (1945-1949), the Sagamore has been bestowed on astronauts, presidents, ambassadors, artists, musicians, politicians and citizens who have contributed greatly to Hoosier heritage.

Dr. Dane Miller presented the award to Dr. Manahan, and Dr. Manahan's daughter, Dr. Kelly (Manahan BA 90) Geisler spoke on behalf of the family. Dr. Manahan was nominated for the award by Grace history professor emeritus R. Wayne Snider

(BD 53, MTh 55). "Dr. Manahan has been successful not only in building Grace College and Seminary as an institution of higher learning; he also concentrated on building our community," said Dr. Dane Miller, founder of Biomet, Inc. "With his character, proficiency and service he has made leaps and bounds for all of us in this beautiful region we call home."

Current Grace President Bill Katip (BA 74) said, "Dr. Ronald E. Manahan embodies the mission of Grace Schools — that of applying biblical truth as the foundation for developing character, competence and service. His visionary leadership helped advance the institution through the development of new programs, the construction of new facilities, the expansion of global outreach and increased tuition affordability for students and families."

## CBFA BESTOWS FAWCETT WITH HIGHEST HONOR

Dr. Jeffrey Fawcett, professor of marketing at Grace College and dean of the School of Business, was honored in November with the Chewning Award, the Christian Business Faculty Association's (CBFA) highest honor. Fawcett came to Grace College in 2011, bringing 24 years of experience in Christian higher education. Prior to beginning his teaching career, he worked as a consultant in Washington, D.C., on contracts with Naval Sea Systems Command and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Chewning Award was established by the CBFA to perpetuate the passion and commitment of integrating personal faith and business as modeled by Dr. Richard C. Chewning. The award is bestowed no more than once annually to encourage



deserving individuals and to make their successes known among colleagues, students and the world at large. Criteria for the award include a love for the Word of God and godliness in their scholarship and in the practice of teaching or serving in business.





## STICHTER HONORED WITH OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Dr. Roger L. Stichter, professor of accounting at Grace College and an Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS) member since 1984, received the Outstanding Educator Award from INCPAS in November. This award recognizes an accounting

educator who has made significant contributions to accounting education and to the CPA profession. Stichter has a broad background in public accounting, healthcare accounting, and non-profit accounting and has taught at Grace College for more than 16 years.

Each year Stichter teaches approximately 100 students in the first-year accounting courses at Grace College, and his encouragement and influence continue to grow the accounting program. In the 2013-14 academic year, more than 50 students are majoring in accounting. Grace College scored 10th nationally out of 793 institutions in first-time CPA Exam pass rates in 2011.



## DEYOUNG PUBLISHES HANDS-ON EDUCATIONAL BOOK FOR CHILDREN

Dr. Don DeYoung (MDiv 83), chair of the science and mathematics department and professor of physics at Grace College, released a new children's book in September.

"77 Fairly Safe Science Activities for Illustrating Bible Lessons" contains hands-on science activities and fun-filled demonstrations for revealing truths about God and creation. The experiments use common household objects, require little setup and are illustrated with diagrams.

DeYoung is the current president of the Creation Research Society, a worldwide group of scientists who promote biblical creation, fund research and publish books and a technical quarterly journal. DeYoung also writes and speaks for Answers in Genesis, a widely known apologetics ministry supporting young earth creation.

## EDGINGTON PUBLISHES TWO NEW BOOKS ON COUNSELING AND THEOLOGY

Dr. Thomas Edgington (BA 79, MA 83, MDiv 85), dean of the School of Behavioral Sciences and professor of behavioral science, published the fourth and final volume in his "Healing Helps from the Bible" workbook series in October 2013. "Finding God's Perspective and Experiencing the Benefits" addresses 13 topics including rest, comfort, endurance, time, depth and maturity. Each volume in the "Healing Helps" series is designed to help readers draw closer to God and find comfort through understanding God's desires for His people. In February 2014, Edgington published "Theological Foundations of Counseling," which provides a biblical theory behind personality and counseling.

Edgington joined the Grace College faculty in 1992. He is a licensed psychologist and mental health counselor, who has practiced in community mental health centers, church counseling centers and private practice.



## GILL'S DISSERTATION ON LEADERSHIP IS PUBLISHED

In December Dr. Jeffrey Gill (MDiv 82), vice president and dean of Grace Theological Seminary, published his dissertation "From Crisis to Stability: Leadership at a Christian College." Gill's dissertation addresses how a leader can navigate the challenges — including internal and external crises — in a higher education institution and steer the institution to stability.

Gill has served Grace as Seminary dean and professor of pastoral studies since 2002. He is a member of the pastoral preaching team at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and is deeply involved in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Gill has taught and preached internationally in Argentina, France, the Central African Republic, the Philippines and South Korea.











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## DOWN THE AISLE

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**Mark Howell** (BA 01) and **Rori Weil**: August 17, 2013. Mark obtained his Master of Arts in Teaching from Manhattanville College in Purchase NY in January 2011. The couple resides in New Rochelle NY. diakonos3@hotmail.com

01

**Chad Hummel** (BS 06) and **Tricia Walker** (BS 07): September 8, 2012. Chad received his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in May 2013. The couple lives in Winona Lake IN. hummelcd@yahoo.com

02

Levi Marti and **Anna Flint** (BS 07): August 24, 2013. The couple lives in Colorado Springs CO. martiaj3@gmail.com

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**Jacob McCarthy** (BS 13) and **Abigail Mobley** (BS 13): August 24, 2013. The couple resides in Lafayette IN. m.abigail143@gmail.com

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Dustin Pianalto and **Anna Winter** (BS 12): July 6, 2013. The couple's home is in Jefferson City TN. winterar7@gmail.com

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**Caleb Roth** (BS 10) and **Michaela Miller**: July 6, 2013. Caleb works for DePuy Synthes Joint Reconstruction. The couple lives in Lessburg IN. roth.caleb@gmail.com

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**Gabriel Tribbett** (MDiv 10) and **Bethany Michalski** (BS 12): December 21, 2013. Gabe is the director of life education and leadership at Christ's Covenant Church. The couple lives in Pierceton IN. gabetribbett@gmail.com

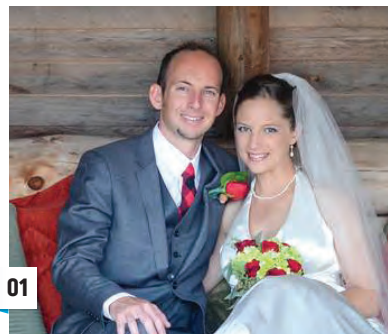
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Matthew Willis and **Jennifer Benner** (BA 11): June 2, 2012. Jennifer obtained her Masters in English from Truman State University. The couple resides in Kirksville MO. jbenner007@embarqmail.com

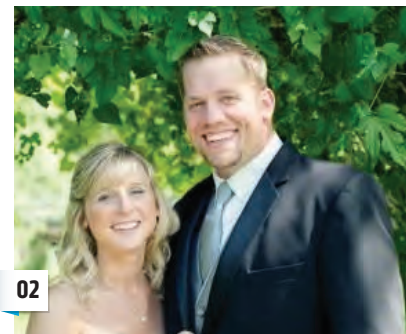
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Caleb Yoder and **Sherilyn Troyer** (BS 12): August 4, 2012. The couple's home is in Haven KS. quillandease@gmail.com

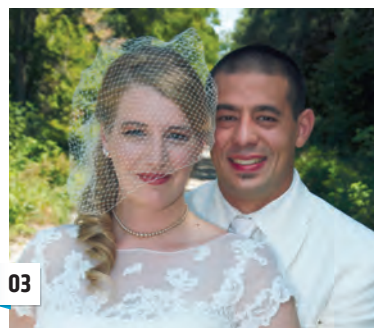
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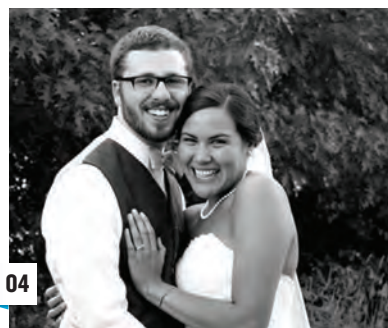
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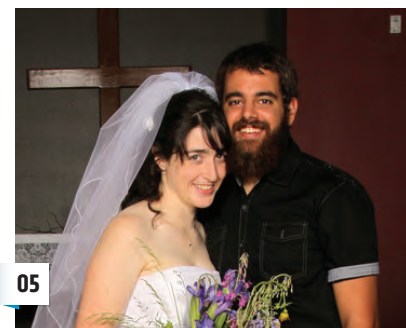
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# FUTURE ALUMNI

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Christopher and **Emilie (Shetler BS 95) Swearingen**: Denbigh Annabelle, July 2, 2013. Denbigh joins brothers Joseph (7) and Jacob (3) at home in Little Rock AR. emgayle@yahoo.com **10**

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**Mark** (BA 04, MA 05) and **Kristin (Black BS 04) Artrip**: Mercy Marie, October 28, 2012. Mercy joins brothers Malachi (8) and Canaan (4). They live in Hilliard OH where Mark is the lead pastor/church planter at Movement Church. movementcolumbus.com **11**

Joe and **Melissa (Dine BS 02) Behr**: Jacob Joseph, October 11, 2013. Melissa is a clerk with the Michigan Department of State. The family resides in Watervliet MI. moodine@juno.com **12**

Nathaniel and **Nicole (Allen BS 05) Christie**: Lauren Nicole, April 12, 2013. The couple was married June 26, 2010, and lives in La Porte IN. komodofish@hotmail.com **13**

Jacob and **Abbey (Baumgartner BS 07) Plummer**: Blake Isaac, February 21, 2013. The family lives in Syracuse IN. abs\_920@yahoo.com **14**

Ricky and **Sharon (Hemstreet BS 05) Raymundo**: Raelyn, June 28, 2013. The family resides in Orting WA. soccershare5@hotmail.com **15**

**Troy** (BS 05) and **Kristin (Buhler BS 05) Seyfert**: Traven, December 23, 2013. The family's home is in Lansing MI. moturfish@hotmail.com **16**

**Matt** (BS 00) and **Marianne (Lewis BS 02) Vosberg**: Brandon Matthew, January 2, 2014. Brandon joins sisters Morgan (6) and Kallie (4). The family resides in Columbus OH. mavosberg@hotmail.com **17**

Stefan and **Stephanie (Terrell BA 09) Zuercher**: Hannah Arlene, May 17, 2013. The family resides in Switzerland. zuercher.stephanie@gmail.com **18**

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**Matthew** (BS 13) and **Brittani (Kirkman BS 13) Chilson**: Benjamin Lynwood Lee, May 25, 2013. The family lives in Winona Lake IN. brittani.chilson@gmail.com **19**

**Kyle** (MS 12) and Lauren **Harbison**: Lucy Neale, December 17, 2013. Kyle is a development engineer at Biomet and the family resides in Winona Lake IN. harbiske@gmail.com **20**

Steven and **Stephanie (Owens BS 12) Keltner**: Atticus Owen, November 14, 2013. The couple was married November 24, 2012, and resides in Zeeland MI. owenssl90@gmail.com **21**

Samuel and **Sarah (Kinder BS 10) Prater**: Brylar Travis James, January 31, 2013. Brylar joins Dylan (19) and Kimberly (17). The couple was married May 21, 2011, and lives in Warsaw IN. sekinder@hotmail.com **22**

**Jim** (BS 08) and **Kaitlyn (Northeimer BS 08) Terpstra**: Connor James, August 18, 2013. The family lives in Warsaw IN. terpstrakb@gmail.com **23**

**Elisha** (C 11) and **Tommi (Sauder BS 10) Tucker**: Ari Nathaniel, September 15, 2013. The family's home is in Huntington IN. sauderta@hotmail.com **24**



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# CLASS NOTES

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**Vivian (Mohler BA 67) Hyatt** joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ in 1967 where she met her husband Douglas Trent; they later married in May of 1969. Together they served in Eastern Europe and Russia since 1973, living in England, Austria, Germany and Hungary traveling and teaching. In September 2012, they returned to the United States and are currently residing in Dayton OH. They travel back to Eastern Europe several times a year to continue teaching staff located in various countries. Trent and Vivian have five children: Millay Christine Hyatt-Cobb, Justin Kerry, Jessamine Helen, Francesca Vivian and Carsten Trent. [vivian.hyatt@ccci.org](mailto:vivian.hyatt@ccci.org)

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**Mark Laurenson (BA 69, S 71)** recently published his book "Blessed by the Night." Journey with Mark through the peaks and valleys of his life, and be encouraged that there is a God who cares for us, who willingly grants redemption and who can use the night to bring great blessing. Mark and wife **Robin (Jenkins BS 69)** reside in Winona Lake IN. Mark is available to share his story of God's grace and redemption upon invitation. [marklaurenson@comcast.net](mailto:marklaurenson@comcast.net)

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**Richard (BS 87) and Jane (Vins BA 89) Comden** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 30, 2013. Richard is the associate chair for the School of Technology, Online, at Davenport University. Jane is an academic advisor at Southwestern Michigan College and has recently received her MBA from Davenport University. Their children Bradley and Heather are pursuing their college degrees and their youngest son Patrick is in sixth grade. The family resides in Niles MI. [rjcomden@gmail.com](mailto:rjcomden@gmail.com)

**Scott Shaw (BS 89)** graduated summa cum laude from Moody Theological Seminary in May 2013, and was awarded the "Outstanding Expository Preaching" award by the seminary faculty. He was ordained on October 13, 2013, as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America and installed as the assistant pastor for Christian education and administration at Knox Presbyterian Church (PCA), Harrison Township MI. Scott and wife **Rebecca**

**(Healy BS 89)** live with their four children in St. Clair Shores MI and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year. [ScottShaw@knoxpc.org](mailto:ScottShaw@knoxpc.org)

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**Jarl K. Waggoner (MDiv 82) and James P. Coffey (CERT 81, C 83)** edited the book "Glimpses of the Christ: Sermons from the Gospels" (Kainos Books). This collection of sermons and essays from the Gospels gives glimpses of Jesus the Christ, touching on His unique person, His profound teaching, His miracles and the salvation He secured through His death and resurrection. The contributors to this enlightening and practical volume are **John Whitcomb (BD 51, BTh 53, DIPL 57)**, **Ivan French (BD 53)**, **Richard Mayhue (MDiv 74, ThM 77, ThD 81)**, **Bob Lanning (MDiv 77)**, **Ernie Godshall (MDiv 78)**, **Ike Graham (ThM 81)**, **John French (BA 77, ThM 82)**, **James Coffey (CERT 81)**, **Jarl Waggoner (MDiv 82)**, **Tom Triggs (BA 91, DIPL 83, MAMin 04)**, **Michael Hontz (MDiv 07)** and **Lee Compson (BS 03, MDiv 07)**.

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**Mark Weinstein (BS 82)** rode a bicycle from the University of Dayton to the University of Notre Dame (248 miles) from July 31-August 3 on behalf of the Dayton Right to Life organization. Mark was part of 35 bike riders including two colleagues from Cedarville University – Jay Kinsinger, professor of engineering, and Bob Bielek, physical plant employee. The group of riders stayed overnight at the Robert and Frances Gordon Student Recreational Center (GRC) on the Grace College & Seminary campus on the third night of the trip. Sponsored by Cedarville University and the TK Hausfeld Family Foundation, the ride concluded Saturday morning at the entrance of the University of Notre Dame. Mark is executive director of public relations at Cedarville. [mweinstein@cedarville.edu](mailto:mweinstein@cedarville.edu)

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**Michael (BA 95, MDiv 99) and Dr. Mindi (Miller BA 97) Jentes** reside in California where Mike is a pastor at the Los Altos Grace Brethren Church and the coordinator of mobilization initiatives for Encompass World Partners. Dr. Jentes recently graduated from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. She has accepted a position at the Long Beach Spine & Rehabilitation Chiropractic Health Center. They have four children: Kayla Marie (16), Korey Allen (15), Kevin Michael (12) and Katja Marlane (10). The Jentes wish to extend their greetings and express their gratitude for the countless prayers from fellow alumni and the Grace community throughout the recent years. [mindijentes@gmail.com](mailto:mindijentes@gmail.com)



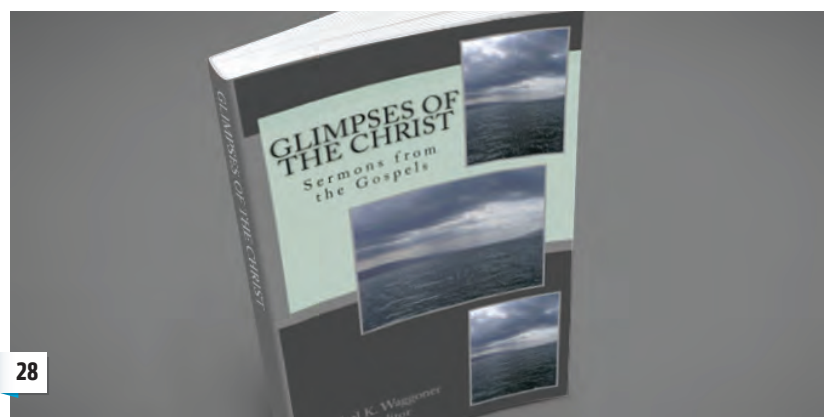
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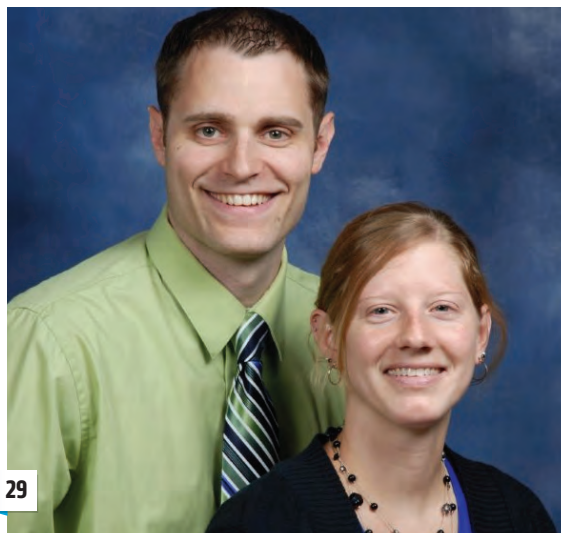
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**Lee Compson** (BS 03, MDiv 07) has completed his first year as pastor at Milford First Brethren. It was a great year full of positive ministry experiences as the church served the Lord together. Lee also contributed to the new publication "Glimpses of Christ: Sermons from the Gospels," which features sermons from Grace Theological Seminary alumni. Lee and his wife **Stephanie (Moore)** (BS 05) reside in Winona Lake IN. lee.compson32@gmail.com

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**Jessica (Norris C 02) Geibs** is employed at the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Jessica and husband Chris live in Tallahassee FL with their two children Cooper (6) and Marley Grace (3). thegeibs2008@yahoo.com

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Thomas and **Stephani (Hart BS 03) Rogers** recently moved from Louisiana to Texas to assist with a church plant in Frisco. As part of the move, Thomas took a job with NCR as an ATM specialist. Stephani, after being home with son Cohen for two years, returned to work teaching special education inclusion math at Hillcrest HS in North Dallas. The family attends Providence Church in Frisco. tcrogers33@gmail.com



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**Andrew** (BA 00, MDiv 03) and **Sarah (Ungerer BA 01) Royer** joined New Tribes Missions and moved to Brazil in late 2013. Their mission is to teach Bible to the Brazilians who are training as tribal church planters. andy\_royer@ntm.org

**Tyler** (BS 08) and **Erin (Regnier BS 09) Winkleman** live in Fort Wayne IN with son Jack (1). Tyler is an attorney at Carson Boxberger, and Erin is taking a break from her accounting career to be a full-time mom. erinwinkleman@hotmail.com

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**DeMarquis Battle** (MAMin 12) obtained a second master's degree in Bible & Theology from Lincoln Christian University in 2013. He also recently published a book entitled "Don't Bow: Standing against the Idols of our Generation." It can be found on his website www.dontbowthebook.com. minister.battle@epworship.com

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**Lorena (Moreno BS 10) Harbaugh** works as senior client data analyst at Royall & Company. Lorena and husband **Luke** (BS 10) reside in Chesterfield VA. lorena.harbaugh@gmail.com

**Kendra Hoyt** (BS 11) obtained her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Des Moines University in 2013. Kendra now works as a certified physician assistant at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minnesota. kendrahoyt@gmail.com

## IN MEMORIAM

**David E. Callighan** (MDiv 72) went home to be with the Lord on November 29, 2013, at the age of 73. His teaching experience includes public and Christian schools. He

taught at Lakeland Christian Academy in Warsaw while pastoring at Palestine Bible Church, retiring in 2012. He is survived by wife Ruth Ann Holland, son **Mark Callighan** (BS 91) and four grandchildren.

**Walter Fleming Garland** (MDiv 57) went home to be with the Lord on July 21, 2013, at the age of 82. Walter taught in the public schools for a season and then served as head administrator for several Christian private schools. He also served on the board of the Association of Christian Schools International, leading schools through accreditation. He is survived by his wife Millie Garland.

**Natalie Huebner** (BS 12) went home to be with the Lord December 12, 2013, at the age of 24. She was at James Cancer Hospital in Columbus OH. Natalie had a double major in history and drawing/painting. In May 2012, Natalie was awarded the Grace College Art Department Chair Award for Excellence. Professor Kim Reiff had these words to say about her when presenting the award: "Using her art as testimony of her faith, her aesthetic excellence reflects not only beauty in the artwork itself, but honors God as the ultimate creator, reflecting the beauty of humans created in His Image. Her character, competence and service are evident in all that she



does. As an advocate for the arts, she visits local middle school art classes to share her artwork and encourage students to pursue the creative arts; she served as a teaching assistant in the Art Department, as a mentor to new art majors, and as a coordinator for Mount Memorial Art Gallery exhibitions; and she continues to pursue personal advancement and development as an outstanding artist. She was known as the artist behind the Sounding Board's cartoon series, 'Crazy Prophet.'" Natalie was from West Jefferson OH and is survived by mother Jeanette Huebner and sister Emily (Nick) Davis. She is pictured with Grace professors **J.D. Woods** (MDiv 88) (left) and Tim Young at Grace's 2013 commencement. **32**

**Ernest Alton Ringler** went home to be with the Lord on January 8, 2014, at the age of 83. Ernie worked for Grace College & Seminary in the physical plant for 26 years before his retirement in 1993. After retiring, Ernie worked on the grounds crew and drove the bus for campus groups. Ernie is survived by two sons, Don and Tim, and wife of 64 years, Mary Lou.

**Ed Robertson** (BA 70) went home to be with the Lord on August 25, 2013, at the age of 66. Ed joined the Indiana National Guard in 1970, retiring after 35 years. He had an extensive teaching career in public education and at ITT Tech. He is survived by wife **Margaret (Biddinger)** BS 71) and son **Wesley Robertson** (C 08).

**Ethel Joyce Simmons (Morrill)** CEDip 39) went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 2013, at the age of 99. Until

her passing she was the oldest living alumnus of Grace Theological Seminary with a degree in Christian Education. She met **Phillip Jackson Simmons** (DIPL 41, PTH 53) in seminary, married and assisted him in pastoring nine Grace Brethren Churches from 1941 until 1986 when he died. Her passion was to teach children about Jesus by leading Good News Clubs, 5-day clubs, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School classes, SMM girls and her famous Wheel of Memory class at Grace Polaris Church. In her last week of life Ethel still taught Bible verses to her great-grandchildren. She is survived by children: **Joyce Ann Farner** (C 64), **Bernard Lee Simmons** (BA 67, MDiv 74) and **Roger Jackson Simmons** (C 77). She was blessed by 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Ethel (center) is pictured with her granddaughter Karla (Simmons) Webb and Karla's husband JC Webb. **33**

**Jean Zielasko** (C 67) went home to be with the Lord on November 12, 2013, at the age of 91. She was the wife of **Rev. John Zielasko** (BD 50, ThM 79) who served as executive director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions (now Encompass World Partners). Together they spent 15 years as missionaries in Brazil under the Grace Brethren Missions.

#### Apology

In the Fall 2013 issue of 2|8|9, Terry Eichorst (BME 70) was inadvertently left off the President's Club list (Page 13). Please accept our sincerest apologies.



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# UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS EVENTS

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**April 12, 2014**  
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**May 8-10, 2014**  
CLASS OF 1964 GOLDEN GRADUATE 50-YEAR REUNION  
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**May 18, 2014**  
SUNNYSIDE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH  
» Sunnyside, Wash.



**May 30-June 10, 2014**  
"BEST OF ISRAEL" TOUR



**July 12, 2014**  
CLEVELAND, OHIO



**July 17-21, 2014**  
FGBC VISION CONFERENCE 2014  
» Washington, D.C.



**July 22-27, 2014**  
MOMENTUM 2014 YOUTH CONFERENCE  
» Alumni Social at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.





# REACHING OUT

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Presidential Inaugural Tour was a huge success as President Bill Katip and I reconnected with many good friends and made some new ones. We traveled the country over the past nine months – from coast to coast – hosting events in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Washington, Indiana and Colorado. We even conducted a mini inauguration ceremony for the residents at Grace Village in Winona Lake.

Throughout the tour, Dr. Katip shared Grace updates, met and listened to alumni and friends of the school, shared meals and enjoyed many laughs. We also celebrated a reunion with Dr. Robert Culver (DipTh 42, BD 45, ThM 47, ThD 52) – the last living attendee from the prayer meeting that launched Grace Seminary – hosted “Alumni and Friends” gatherings at the Brethren National Youth and Adult Conferences and rallied at a Tin Caps game in Fort Wayne, Ind.

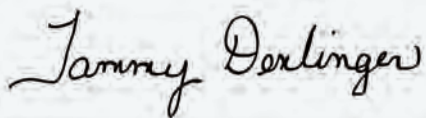
Check out our upcoming events in the magazine or at [www.grace.edu/alumni/events](http://www.grace.edu/alumni/events). We’re looking forward to hosting several regional events with you this summer.

As the Director of Alumni Relations, I am excited about the opportunity to engage and connect with my fellow alumni. It’s Grace’s desire to encourage and foster lifelong alumni participation, involvement and commitment. Over the next several months and years we want to:

- Strengthen the bond between the school and our alumni.
- Create programs that match the interests and needs of the alumni.
- Maintain and build upon the positive relationships we have with our Golden Graduates.
- Increase the participation, involvement and communication with all of our alumni.
- Continue to serve as the primary communications link between the institution and its alumni.

The Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center is home to the Alumni Services Office and is your alumni center; I encourage you to visit often. We welcome you as a part of the Grace alumni family, and we hope to see you back on campus soon. We hope that you will stay connected and involved with this ever-growing institution. Our staff is here to help you in any way!

If you have questions or need more information about Grace or any alumni happenings, have suggestions or new ideas, or are interested in hosting an alumni event in your area, don’t hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Denlinger".

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



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Contact us by email, telephone or mail with news of an updated address, telephone number, job change, promotion, marriage, birth and death. We would especially appreciate your email address. You can update us at [www.grace.edu/alumnnotes](http://www.grace.edu/alumnnotes) or contact Director of Alumni Relations Tammy Denlinger at [denlintl@grace.edu](mailto:denlintl@grace.edu) or (574) 372-5100, ext. 6129.



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