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knowing Christ
and making
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Most days when I come to work, I take the long way to my office. I intentionally walk between McClain and Philathea to pass by this rock. I admit, I sometimes go so far as to awkwardly touch the rock like I'm going into a football game or something because it reminds me why I come to work every day.

The phrase, "To know Christ and to make Him known," was Grace's original mission statement. When Dr. Alva J. McClain, Grace's first president, moved the seminary from Ashland, Ohio, to Winona Lake, Indiana, in 1939, he had to incorporate this new seminary with the state of Indiana. That included providing a mission statement. He aptly chose the phrase, "To know Christ and make Him known as Lord and Savior of Life."

And that is my vision for Grace – that our students' time on campus, and their lives far beyond, would be marked by knowing Christ and making Him known.

Through studying His Word and His world, it is our prayer that students know Christ in a deeper and fuller way and that the knowledge of Christ would ultimately spur them to action. We hope that every Grace graduate, whether they are entering the business world or going off to graduate school, becoming a teacher or heading into ministry, would seek to serve in such a way that makes Him known not just in their careers, but in their communities, in their churches and yes, even in their own homes.

This issue of Grace Story is chock-full of students and alumni who have lived this out. Whether it be the Aten family, three siblings who each came to Grace to grow in their faith, the story of Bruce Martin (BS 80), a doctor who has used his craft to serve people around the globe or our 2022 graduate spotlights who are seeking to make a difference right away, it is heartening to say that this vision is already happening at Grace.

Champions of knowing Christ and making Him known. This is how we started, this is who we are, and this is who we will continue to be.



Drew Flamm

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Fertile Ground

WRITTEN BY MADISON COWMAN

It is often said that what makes a leader is not the time that they spend in the limelight. It's not what they do on stage when everyone can see them or the words that they speak into a microphone. It is what happens during their quiet time in the presence of God – the spiritual formation that happens under the surface.

Such is true for Dr. Drew Flamm.



In the days leading up to the announcement of his presidency, Drew had a long list of to-dos. There were countless people to call, colleagues to meet and tasks to accomplish, all while managing the regular workload of his role as executive vice president. With much on his plate the day ahead, Drew opened his Bible to the Psalms – a place he had frequently found himself the past several weeks. He flipped to Psalm 37 and was comforted by the simplicity of the words he found there, “Trust in the Lord and do good.”

Trusting in Christ and obediently serving Him is something that Drew had practiced throughout his life. From his early profession of faith to his college years, his early career to assuming various leadership roles in Christian higher education, and now assuming the role as Grace College & Seminary’s seventh president – Drew has sought to live the very words he proclaims as most important. “To know Christ and to make Him known” are not just the words he proclaims to the campus, they are the heart cry of his life.

A HERITAGE OF FAITH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Drew was born into a strong Christian home in Waterloo, Iowa. From a very young age, he witnessed what life in Christ looks like, even amidst tragedy and heartache. When Drew was two, his older brother passed away at six years old. In light of the family’s loss, he was a witness to his parents’ unwavering faith – even before he can really remember.

Both of Drew’s parents were Christian school educators. When he was 16 years old, the Flamm family moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Drew’s dad took a leadership role at Emmanuel Christian School. While the beginning of high school isn’t necessarily an ideal time to be moved across the country, Drew can see how God used that transition to shape his story.

“The Lord really used that to put me in a place where I made some of my best friends to this day, and I learned to trust God amidst change,” he said.

At his Christian high school, Drew took every opportunity to get involved and try new things; he played three sports, led worship and even played the violin classically.

“I’ve always been the kind of guy that’s been the jack-of-all-trades but master of none,” says Drew. “I think that the Lord has used that to shape who I am and my leadership style. I am able to connect with lots of people over different topics because I have a general interest in all of them.”

In the fertile soil of Christian education, Drew’s roots of faith really began to grow. As college approached, he decided on Cedarville University where he would eventually major in comprehensive communications, a makeshift major that could be applied to both business and ministry and allowed him to take a wide variety of classes that interested him. Cedarville was a place where he could continue to grow in scholarship, in leadership and in His relationship with Christ.

LIVING FOR SOMEONE GREATER

While Drew was entering his second year of college, Stephanie Hueni, a freshman from Bremen, Indiana, moved onto campus. Stephanie also came from a tight-knit, Christian family. Many of her family members were even Grace College graduates, including her parents, Stan (BA 77) and Deb (Keillor BS 77) Hueni. But Stephanie didn’t come to her own personal faith in Christ until her junior year of high school.

“I knew all of the right answers, but I had a hard heart toward the Lord,” confesses Stephanie. “I just thought that I would get saved after I had my fun in high school.”

During Stephanie’s junior year, her volleyball team made it to the state finals. It was the proudest she had been in her life, and she was soaking up all of the fanfare that accompanied the success.

God stripped her of that pride on the way home from Indianapolis when she had a strong allergic reaction to the peanut oil that had been used in the fries she had for dinner. The coach struggled to get hold of an ambulance, as her cell reception was going in and out. When the bus finally pulled off the side of the road to meet the EMT, the ambulance didn’t have what she needed. It wasn’t until a second EMT arrived that she received an epi shot and her breathing returned to normal. After everything was under control, the EMT told her that she was very close to dying.

"That really shook me up," said Stephanie. "I realized I was not ready to meet the Lord as my judge; I had been living a two-faced life."

She prayed in the ambulance that night and asked Christ to be her Savior.

"I'm so thankful that God used that in my life," said Stephanie. "It's sad, but also ironic, that God used a moment where I felt like I was on a mountaintop to show me that I'm totally dependent on Him and that my breath can be gone in an instant. He showed me that I need to live for someone greater than myself."

As Stephanie began looking into colleges, her grandpa encouraged her to consider carefully who she surrounds herself with during the most formative years of her life. That advice confirmed her decision to follow in her older sister's footsteps and attend Cedarville University where she studied early childhood education.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VP

Both Drew and Stephanie loved getting involved at Cedarville. Coming from small high schools, they both had the mindset that you should be involved in everything you can.

Drew decided to run for student body president, and at the same time, Stephanie was running for vice president. Both of their running mates dropped out, and the two were nudged to run together. As they met, Drew assumed the role of visionary and Stephanie would take care of the details. Their campaign slogan, "Vision and Expectancy," still makes them laugh to this day. Without any competitors to run against, the pair won the election by default, which meant they would be spending a lot more time together.

As time went on, Drew began suggesting that they meet at Panera or Olive Garden, and feelings started to grow. But neither of them was willing to confess their feelings until Stephanie's younger brother came for a campus visit.



Drew and Stephanie as Student Body President and VP for Cedarville University.

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- Stephanie Flamm

"I intentionally asked Drew if my brother could stay with him in his dorm so that I could get my brother's opinion on him," explained Stephanie. "He was always very protective and I knew he would shoot straight with me."

Stephanie's younger brother assumed the role of matchmaker, and it didn't take long for Drew to initiate a conversation to define the relationship. As they dated, they continued to serve their fellow students and advocate for Christian higher education side by side.

"Christian higher education was formative in making my faith my own," said Drew. "I was able to learn how to think for myself, wrestle with deep theological issues and come into maturity in Christ in a setting where my professors and my fellow students all shared a Christian worldview."

Stephanie agrees. "College was fertile ground for me where I was being watered from every side," said Stephanie. "I was a different person coming out than I was going in."

FINDING A PASSION FOR FUNDRAISING

When Drew graduated, he still wasn't sure what he wanted to do with his life, but an opportunity came along to do a summer internship in Georgia with Dr. Tim Elmore's organization, Growing Leaders.

That internship led to a job with leadership guru John Maxwell at Maximum Impact Group where Drew served as manager of executive projects. He reported directly to the organization's chief operations officer, Reggie Goodin, and was in charge of taking notes during executive meetings. This allowed Drew to rub shoulders with leadership giants such as Andy Stanley, Louie Giglio and Ken Coleman.

After a year in that role, Stephanie graduated, and the two were married. Both assumed roles on Cedarville's campus – Drew as assistant director of alumni relations and Stephanie as an admissions counselor. Consistent with the origins of their relationship, the two were serving their alma mater once again, engaging alumni and connecting with prospective students.

After about a year and a half in his role, Drew began to take an interest in the fundraising function of the college. "I fell in love with fundraising because I realized this balance between business and ministry," said Drew. "You have goals and numbers you have to hit, but you also get to explore donors' passions and match those with students' needs."

Soon thereafter, Drew took a job in planned giving. He continued to pursue new areas of fundraising as jobs opened in annual giving and then major gifts. At the end of his seven years at Cedarville, he was serving as the regional director of advancement.

DREAMS COME TRUE

Drew and Stephanie were in the middle of a three-and-a-half-year adoption process when a director of development position opened up at Manchester University. The ability to be closer to Stephanie's family in Indiana was very appealing to the growing family. So when Drew was offered the position, they moved to Winona Lake, the halfway point between North Manchester and Bremen.

Not long after taking that position, Drew found out Grace had an opening for its vice president of advancement. The fact that the position was at a Christ-centered institution just down the street seemed like God was opening a door. A national search was already underway, but Drew prayerfully put his name in the applicant pool.

After two rounds of phone and in-person interviews, Drew was invited to campus for a day-long series of interviews

The Heart of Giving

Over Drew's years in fundraising, he met with dozens of donors, but he will never forget his first donor visit at the age of 25, playing golf with a man named George.

"I was super nervous the night before, ironing my clothes, shining my shoes and making sure my clubs were in tip-top shape."

He arrived at the golf course early and waited for George to arrive. Not long after, a rusted-out Ford truck pulled up next to him. A man with patches on his pants, which his wife had clearly sewn on for him, climbed out and walked toward Drew and his boss. *Could this be George?* Drew wondered.

It turns out that it was! After the first hit, Drew complimented George and inquired about where he got his driver. George looked at him and responded in all seriousness, "Kmart special."

The lesson Drew learned that day was despite the fact that George never went to college and worked at a factory his entire life, he was passionate about giving students a Christ-centered education. "George had a generous spirit," said Drew. "He taught me that a donor is anyone that wants to make an impact in the lives of students. That might mean giving a dollar. It might mean giving millions of dollars. But it's ultimately about where your heart's at."

on September 5, 2013. He remembers waking up that morning and feeling exceptionally nervous.

"Despite the fact that I had to be on my 'A' game that day, my head and my heart were actually somewhere much further away," said Drew.

Stephanie and her sister-in-law were in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, finishing up some paperwork so that she could bring their 2.5-year-old son, Jadon, home for the first time. She would be landing in Chicago the next morning.

With the interview behind him, Drew and his family drove to Chicago wearing their matching adoption T-shirts the next morning. When they arrived, Stephanie and Jadon were awaiting the family in the airport. Drew still remembers seeing his wife and son across the terminal and running through the airport until they embraced. He was finally a dad.

But that wasn't the end of the good news. Three days later, as the family was adjusting to life with a two-year-old, Drew received a call from Grace President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) informing him that another dream was coming true; he would become the next vice president of advancement at Grace.

Drew started on October 1, but according to him, the "Pinch me, I'm dreaming," mentality didn't wear off for a while. "For a long time, every time I drove in to work, I would think, 'I can't believe this. I can't believe this is my job.'"

As the Flamm family grew, they found Winona Lake to be an ideal community to raise their three boys: Jadon (who is now 11), Rihaan (8) and Bennett (6).

"Our family has loved this community, and we love that Grace is so connected to this community as well," said Drew. "Winona Lake and Warsaw are big enough to always have something going on, but small enough to be able to run into people you know at the store."

Ultimately, what makes the community great is the people. The Flamm's have found great encouragement and support through the robust adoption community in town and their local church body at Mission Point Community Church, where Drew occasionally fills the pulpit.



The Flamm's and their family celebrate the adoption and arrival of Jadon.



Dr. Flamm Quick Facts

Favorite book:

"Leadership and Self-Deception" by the Arbinger Institute.

Favorite free-time activities:

I like to play basketball and kick the can with my boys or go mountain biking on the Winona Lake trails.

Go-to date spot:

Cerulean. We love getting the "Grace special" bento boxes.

What makes you most proud:

When I see my sons making wise decisions. My dad used to always say, "A wise lad makes a glad dad." I have three little lads, and when they make wise decisions, it makes me happy.

Scripture committing to memory:

Isaiah 40: 28-29
Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.



The Flamms enjoy a Grace employee outing to the South Bend Cubs.

ASPIRING AND INSPIRING

Over the past nine years that Drew has served as a vice president at Grace, he has been able to sit back and watch the Lord provide in amazing ways.

"I've seen time and time again, when something doesn't work out the way I wanted it to, God ends up doing something totally different, and abundantly better, and all you can do is give Him the praise," said Drew.

A few weeks into his new role, Drew was thrown into the planning of the Aspire Campaign, what would become by far Grace's largest comprehensive campaign in school history. Looking back, Drew sees the Lord's kindness from the campaign's start to finish.

When the board met to talk about the campaign in 2014, they were discussing the feasibility of a new track. According to a study they had done, it wasn't looking probable, but Katip pleaded with the board to make it happen, and the board decided to put the track on the list and trust the Lord to provide.

Drew was later sitting in chapel when a board member nudged him saying he had an idea about the track. That "idea" led to a six-figure donation, and the track was the very first project on the list that went to completion. Not to mention, what started as a \$21-million goal ended at \$37 million. "We thought maybe we can do more, maybe we can do more," said Drew. "And the Lord just kept blessing us."

In the fall of 2019, the school completed the Aspire Campaign with \$39.8 million raised.

While it has been incredible for Drew to watch the Lord provide financially, he has also been able to see lives of donors transformed over the course of their relationship with Grace. One story that has inspired him recently is the story of Mr. Allen.

Ninety-three-year-old Mr. Allen has given to Grace faithfully for years, and he and his wife even started a scholarship to help provide for students. He didn't know the Lord, but his wife was a believer and would ask Grace's leadership to pray for her husband often. After many years of prayer, Mr. Allen came to know Christ this past year.

"To see a donor who has made such a difference in the lives of students over the years come to know Jesus was truly amazing," said Drew. "Stories like these are what it's all about."

VISION AND EXPECTANCY

While the Flamms still laugh at their original campaign slogan at Cedarville, there might not be two words that better express their posture walking toward what's next. There is no doubt that Drew has a vision. Awake to the challenges and pressures that surround Christian higher education on all sides, Drew is devoted to remembering Grace's original mission statement, "To know Christ and to make Him known," and has clear objectives to ensure that this remains the heartbeat of who Grace is. By focusing on the school's spiritual vitality, ensuring student success, investing in faculty and staff and remaining fiscally



The Flamms serve students root beer floats as their first event as president-elect and first lady on May 2, 2022.

responsible, Drew intends to lead Grace boldly into its next exciting chapter.

"It wasn't a question of, 'Will this be easy?'" says Drew of the decision to apply for the position. "It was a question of, 'Will this be good for our souls?' We wanted to be confident that God would use this for our good and for His glory and to be at a place where our family can be used for His Kingdom."

The Flamm family is excited to serve students and expectant about how God will work in their lives.

"If you ask our kids right now where they want to go out to eat, they'll say Alpha Dining," said Drew who has taken his family to eat dinner there once a week for the past nine years. "They love the food, but ultimately, they love interacting with students."

As for Drew and Stephanie, making students feel welcomed, encouraged and supported on campus is something they know well.

"It's crazy to think that we met on a Christian college campus through student leadership and that we now get to lead at a Christian college and make an impact for Christ as a family," said Drew. "Our faith became our own in college, and now we get to help create an atmosphere where that can happen for others – to help cultivate the fertile ground for students to grow."

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- Dr. Drew Flamm



Three Siblings, Three Stories, One Grace

WRITTEN BY MADISON COWMAN





"Just one day at a time." This was Scott and Julie Aten's mantra during their children's college search. They knew that having three kids in three and a half years would make this season a crazy one. It would require a lot of visits, a lot of money and most importantly, a lot of prayers.

"We always thought it would be neat for them to have a Christian college experience because we always sort of wished we had had that," said Scott and Julie, who both attended secular universities. But Christian college never seemed like a realistic option. Scott, a teacher, and Julie, a stay-at-home mom, did everything they could leading up to their kids being in college. Regardless of how much they prepared, they knew that it would have to be God who opened the doors to get their kids through without acquiring debt, something they had a strong conviction against.

Getting three kids through college would be a challenge. But getting three kids through Christian college seemed nearly impossible.

LAUREN

When it came time for Scott and Julie's oldest child, Lauren Aten (BS 19), to choose a school, she selected Kent State University. A self-proclaimed "homebody," she was perfectly content to stay with her parents and commute to class. But after the syllabus day of her second semester, Lauren felt the Lord start to nudge her in a different direction.

"Multiple professors were cussing, and I was just really turned away by that," says Lauren. "I went to a public high school, so it's not like I've never been in the world.



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LAUREN ATEN (BS 19)

Looking back, I know that God must have been moving in my heart."

She began searching online for other schools that offered her major and Grace College popped up. She knew of Grace through her high school friend, Spencer Mason (BA 20, MDiv 21), who loved his experience there. She wasn't sold on going four hours away from home, but she was willing to try a campus visit.

"People on campus opened doors for me and said 'hi' to me," reflected Lauren. "It was just so different from what I had experienced. I was surprised by how much I loved it."

God affirmed that Grace was where she needed to be in big ways and small that day. Alpha Dining served grilled cheese, Lauren's favorite food, and one of the business professors even gave Scott his card in case Lauren needed anything.

"Everyone went above and beyond what we expected," said Julie. "It was

just so confirming to us as parents that we were doing the right thing."

Lauren moved onto Grace's campus that following fall. Although the first few weeks of being away from home were even harder than she expected, Lauren knows now that Grace was absolutely where she needed to be.

The summer after her first year, Lauren's best friend from home unexpectedly passed away.

"I remember Lauren saying that she just couldn't wait to get back to Grace that fall because that's where her support system was," said Julie. "That was very telling."

Now, a few years removed from Grace, Lauren still can't say enough good things about her time there.

"I just loved my experience. Through counseling, chapels and all that Grace offered as support, this was the time in my life when my faith really became my own. Grace gave me tools to add to my belt each

year that helped me grow more and more. I would recommend Grace to everyone because it was the best thing that ever happened to me.”

KALI

Next up was Kali Aten (BA 22). Kali found the idea of looking for colleges overwhelming, so she limited her options to what she knew: Kent State University and Grace College. But the decision was made easy after a visit to see her older sister over Sibs Weekend.

“I really got to experience the Grace culture on that visit,” said Kali. “The culture is why I chose Grace.”



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KALI ATEN (BA 22)

Kali’s experience at Grace was what all college freshmen hope for. During her first week on the hall, she met her three best friends: Maddie Paris, Shelby Nees and Brooklyn Long (BS 22). “I remember thinking it was just so cool that while we were just getting to know each other, we could be so open about our faith and pray together,” said Kali.

The Christ-centered curriculum was also something Kali thoroughly enjoyed.

“Grace was my first opportunity to sit down in a classroom and formally study the Bible. I loved classes like Exploring the Bible and Essential Doctrinal Themes. These classes not only taught me about Scripture but also made me think about how to apply the concepts to my major.”

This was especially meaningful to Kali, a visual communication design student, who has always had a heart for missions and service. She wasn’t sure how exactly, but she

knew she wanted to combine the two. In hopes to find out, she attended the Conference on Mission and approached every mission booth asking them if they had a need for a graphic designer. Every single one said, “Yes!” It was eye-opening for her to realize the role she could play using her gifts.

“I am so thankful that Grace provided those resources,” says Kali, a May 2022 graduate, who looks forward to seeing how God will use this intersection in her life in the future.

KYLE

Kyle Aten, the youngest of the family, had one priority in his college search: he wanted to play baseball. So he got started relatively early, attending a double-digit number of prospect camps to get in front of as many college coaches as possible. Grace was one of the schools in the mix, but his dream was to play Division I baseball at Liberty University.

After throwing a personal record on his Liberty visit, and still not getting a look from the coach, Kyle started to realize that God had other plans for him. He began praying that God would provide a very specific scholarship amount to come in the form of a baseball offer.

“I asked boldly for a big number,” says Kyle. “But I didn’t think that I would ever really get it.”

At that point, Kyle had narrowed his options down to Grace and Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio. To his great surprise, Grace offered Kyle the precise number he had prayed for. And even more shocking – Mount Vernon offered him the equivalent amount.

“I took that as God saying, ‘Here. Both are right. Both are in my will. You pick,’” said Kyle. “This was one of the first big God moments of my life, at 18, being able to really have an understanding of what I perceive the Lord’s will is,” he said.



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KYLE ATEN CURRENT STUDENT

Kyle followed in his sisters' footsteps and chose Grace, where he is studying business management and started his MBA this summer. According to him, learning business principles through a Christian worldview makes all the difference.

“There is a way to do things that is profitable, but with an eternal perspective,” says Kyle. “The way we are taught at Grace is so Christ-centered that it changes the way you treat people. Business becomes about so much more than just the bottom line. It becomes about representing Christ.”

THREE SIBLINGS, THREE STORIES, ONE GRACE

Each of the Aten siblings came to Grace in his or her own way. They all studied different majors, made their own friends and got involved in different things. Through each of their stories, the Lord, in His perfect plan, met their needs, blessed their prayers and ultimately strengthened their faith. Grace was a place where they came to know Christ in deeper and more personal ways.

“As hard as it is sometimes to let your kids make their own decisions, college is the first decision that they will make as an adult,” says Scott. “All you can do is pray about

it as a family and hope that you’ve instilled enough in them that they will make a godly decision. If you keep taking it to the Lord in prayer and allowing Him to guide you, it’s not going to be a wrong decision.”

Through the testimony of each of their kids, the Atens will tell you that God made the seemingly impossible, possible – all three of them received a Christ-centered education debt free.

“The Lord completely opened doors, because I have no idea how we got all three through college owing nothing,” says Julie. “It’s a good reminder that we have to let the Lord be big and do what He does.”

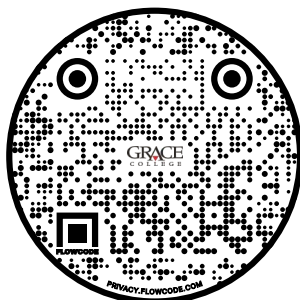
Sibs Weekend

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2022

For the past seven decades, families have confidently sent their students to Grace College. Brothers and sisters alike have enjoyed the life-changing experience of living and learning in a Christ-centered community. Sibs Weekend is a fun-filled time for siblings of current students to take in all Grace has to offer firsthand.

If you have a current student at Grace with a younger sibling at home thinking about college, sign them up for Sibs Weekend. It is a great way for siblings to connect with their older brother or sister and get a sneak peek into the next chapter of life.

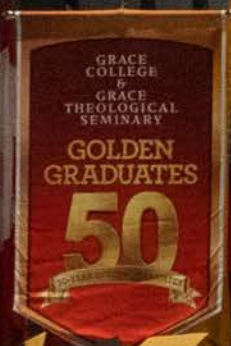
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**MAY 7, 2022
COMMENCEMENT**

Grace honored its 2022 graduates with two commencement ceremonies on May 7. The first ceremony welcomed graduates of the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Behavioral Science and the School of Education, and the second celebrated graduates of the School of Business, the School of Ministry Studies, Grace Theological Seminary and the School of Professional and Online Education. The keynote addresses were given by Professor Mike Yocum (BS 79) and Dr. Tiberius Rata.



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Kylie Sandquist shakes the hand of Dr. Mark Marston Norris (C 85) before receiving her diploma.

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Kyle Smith (center) smiles for a photo with his family following the ceremony.

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Students listen attentively to the keynote address.



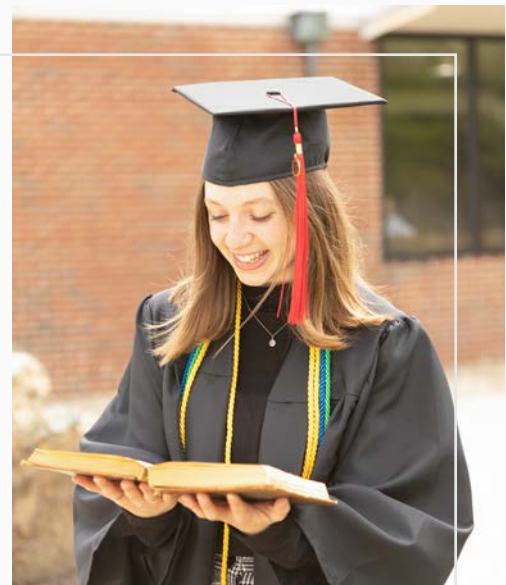
Senior Spotlights

KYRSTEN NEWLON

Major: Journalism and Communication

Fun Fact: Kyrsten is editor of the Sounding Board, Grace's newspaper. She loves hearing students' stories and getting an inside look at what's going on around campus.

"Grace is a beautiful place to plant roots and grow for a few remarkable seasons of your life. It's been a joy to experience life to the fullest on campus."



BRANDON COX

Major: Criminal Justice

Fun Fact: You can typically find Brandon hanging out with friends and family, achieving goals in the gym or staying active outside.

"I will never forget the time I've had with lifelong friends at Grace. I'm thankful we can grow together in Christ."



JOHANNAH SIERS

Major: Elementary and Special Education with an Intense Intervention Graduate Licensure

Fun Fact: Johannah was president of the Council for Exceptional Children and manager of the women's soccer team.

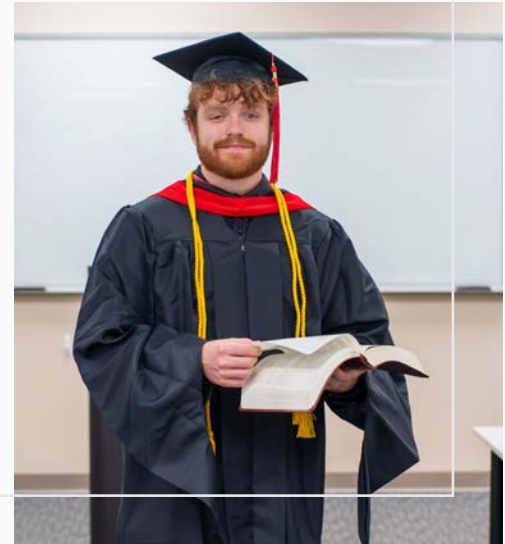
"I will always remember the relationships I formed here. The professors have truly invested in my life, and I also met my future husband through Grace."

NICK HETTINGER

Major: Youth Ministry and Biblical Studies with a Master of Arts in Local Church Ministry

Fun Fact: Nick served as a growth group leader and an RA in Beta.

"I will always remember Beta Hall and the connections I have made throughout my four years here. I have met amazing men and made lifelong friends."




JORDYN BRINKLEY

Major: Psychology and Criminal Justice

Fun Fact: Jordyn is vice president of the Black Student Association.

"I will always remember how easy it was to form relationships. The people I have met will always be in my life. I am so grateful for the strong community!"



Dr. Bruce Martin (BS 80) caring for a baby on a Medical Missions Outreach trip to Burkina Faso.

What's in Your Hand?

WRITTEN BY MADISON COWMAN

Remember the story of Moses and the burning bush? Cutting through Moses' excuses, fears and insecurities, God asks Moses a simple question, "What is that in your hand?" Moses, a shepherd of 40 years, looked down at his hand to see a familiar tool, his staff. That staff became a symbol that God was going to redirect Moses' skillset for his purposes. Instead of shepherding sheep, he was to shepherd God's people into the Promised Land.

Dr. Bruce Martin (BS 80) remembers the Lord asking him that same question, "Bruce, what's in your hand?" The answer was a stethoscope and a laptop. Ever since, those two things have become the means by which he has provided medical care to missionaries, pastors and their communities around the world, all for the sake of the gospel.

A COMPELLING SUGGESTION

How a stethoscope and laptop got in Martin's hand is a story of its own.

Martin was born in Jackson, Michigan, and was introduced to Grace College through Dr. John Stoll (BDiv 49, ThM 60) who would come to his church to host Bible conferences each year.

Stoll left a strong impression on Martin, because even after selecting Adrian College, a secular school near his hometown to save money, he worked tirelessly as an EMT to save up and transfer to Grace at the start of his junior year.

Martin didn't attend college with the intent of becoming a doctor. In fact, it was something he resisted. The long education. The tireless work. But when he transferred to Grace College in 1978, the late Dr. Richard Jeffreys cut right to the chase and convinced Martin, who was enrolled in general health science, to get on the pre-med track. Jeffreys' pitch was effective, and Martin never once looked back.

In fact, Martin became the first Grace College graduate to go to medical school. After one year of doing research at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, he enrolled at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo in 1981. Four years of residency later, as a specialized doctor in internal medicine and pediatrics, he moved to the Mansfield, Ohio, area where he practiced for the next 33 years.

A MEDICAL LEGACY

Despite the Christian worldview that infiltrated his courses taught by Jeffreys and Dr. Marcia Lee, Martin would tell you he wasn't walking closely with Christ during his early career. But as his walk with Christ deepened, he began to see his work in a whole new light.

"As I started growing and maturing in my faith, things in my career started to take shape," he said.

Martin worked at several hospitals before working for the state prison system for 15 years. During that time, he was promoted to become the state-wide medical director where he oversaw 33 prisons in the state of Ohio. His role introduced him to telemedicine, a means to provide medical care for inmates without requiring them to leave the security of the prison. He also spent several years working for an inner-city clinic.

"I've had some pretty unique experiences, more so than some physicians could claim," reflects Martin. "But all along the way, the Lord was setting up my path so that all of these skills

could be incorporated into what I'm doing now."

Martin's stateside medical service touched a wide array of people from diverse backgrounds and walks of life. Somewhere along the way, Martin's son, Dr. Drew Martin (BS 10), took note of the impact his father was making.

"Even though my dad warned me of how hard it was going to be, I chose to become a physician because of his example," says Martin, who now serves as a minimally invasive and general surgeon in La Porte, Indiana. "I remember going out to eat when I was in junior high and running into some of his patients. They told me how great of a doctor he was and how much he meant to them, and I knew that I wanted to do the same."

But Drew also played an influential role in his dad's career decisions.

Drew went on a medical mission trip one summer while at Grace with Medical Missions Outreach and came back with great things to say about the experience. That was all it took to nudge Martin to take his expertise beyond the U.S. borders.

"I had always been somewhat interested in medical missions," said Martin. "I remember growing up and reading stories about missions doctors, including Dr. Viggo Olsen from Bangladesh, but it wasn't until Drew got involved that I went for myself."

In 2011, Martin took his first trip with Medical Missions Outreach and was immediately convinced that this was something in which he should become more involved.

"I found that even though I often cannot speak the language, healthcare services helped to open people's minds and hearts so that when the missionary or pastor spoke, they were more receptive to the gospel."

A PROVIDENTIAL CALL

With several more trips under his belt in 2015, the Lord began softening Martin's heart for Muslims in the 10/40 Window. He began

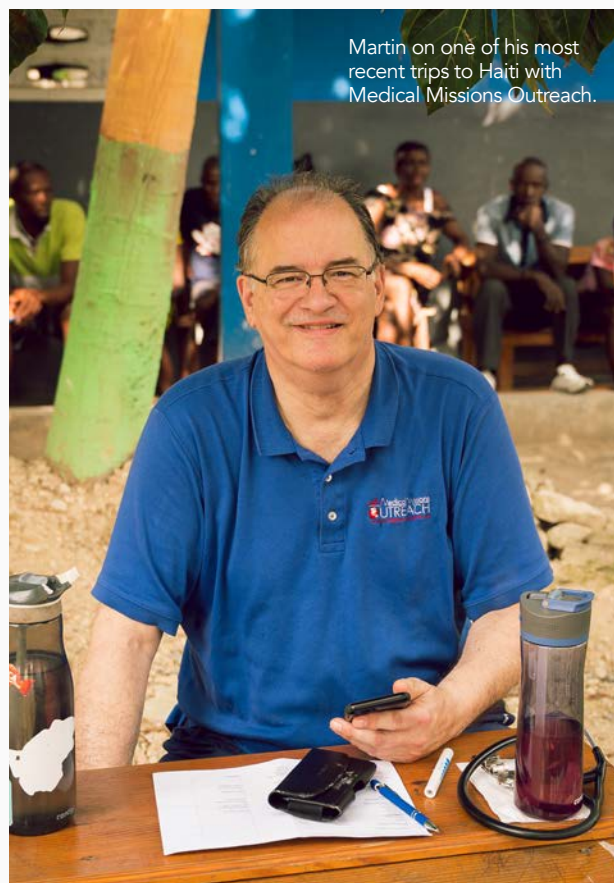
to wonder how he could leverage medicine to gain access to these restricted countries. Was there a way to scale down the 40-50 person trips to remain undetected and gain access to share the gospel in these countries?

While Martin was pondering these things, in God's providential timing, a missionary who had just returned from Armenia reached out to him asking if Martin could help him. He was hoping he could gain the favor of the Armenian government by providing healthcare and medicine with Martin's help. "I'll pray about it," Martin said as a stall tactic.

Within a week, TransGlobal Health Partners – a nonprofit organization that provides healthcare in hard-to-reach locations – was formed.

In one week's time, the organization had cast a vision, secured its board of directors and was granted its status as an international charitable healthcare organization and as a 501(c)(3) – a process that can take several years for some organizations — not to mention, the legal fees which were projected to cost up to \$20,000 only ended up being \$700 through a Christian legal group. To speak of God's provision in the process still amazes Martin to this day.

"Even the attorney who handled our paperwork said to me, 'Doc, we've never seen this happen so fast before,'" recalled Martin. "There have been so many things with TransGlobal that have happened so quickly



and expeditiously that it could have only been the Lord's leading and guidance."

In 2016, TransGlobal sent out its first trip to Uganda, a country on the southern edge of the 10/40 Window. The group knew the country was mostly Muslim, but what they didn't realize was that they were being taken to an area that had never been reached.

"We were kind of discouraged because most of the people weren't very receptive," remembers Martin.

A few years later, Martin returned to the same village and was amazed at the work God had done in a place that seemed so hopeless. The church where the missionary had been was chartered and they had ordained a Kenyan man to serve as the pastor. On that trip alone, 55 people came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, including many of the Ugandan healthcare workers.

A SHREWD STRATEGY

TransGlobal has found such success because of its strong partnerships with pastors and missionaries in-country who are able to help the teams navigate around various roadblocks and hurdles. According to Martin, they have to be extremely careful about what they do on trips.

"There are some trips where we've considered splitting up our group to fly in on different flights in order to keep it under wraps," said Martin. "And in other countries, we can't take any of our own medicine or supplies with us, so we've had to think through sending somebody on-site a list to gather up everything before we arrive. Every country is different. Those on

site can direct us into the places that we can be most effective."

TransGlobal must be very shrewd as they plan out their trips. Therefore, the organization's commission verse is Matthew 10:16: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

Thanks to the technology of telemedicine, after an initial in-country visit, Martin is able to conduct follow-ups and check-ins with patients in some of the world's most fragile contexts without leaving the comfort of his home in Ohio. As long as his client has access to the internet, Martin can listen to someone's heart or do an EKG anywhere in the world.

"Theoretically, I could be in Thailand in the morning, India in the late morning, Egypt in the early afternoon, Honduras in the evening and never leave my home by just scheduling this accordingly," said Martin.

To date, Martin has been on 21 trips and visited 16 countries. He suspects that number will only grow now that he is officially retired from his private practice and continues to go on trips



Martin worked at several different clinics in Haiti and collaborated with a Creole-speaking translator.

with Medical Missions Outreach, TransGlobal Health Partners as well as Samaritan's Purse as a member of their Disaster Assistance Response Team. Most recently, Martin returned from a trip to Malawi, Africa, in June.

When asked about his retirement, Martin shares that he sees it more as a reassignment.

"I've got a lot of kick left in me and I want to use it in a way that is productive and has eternal impact," he says. And so he boards the next plane, ready to serve in whatever ways God calls him to next with a stethoscope and laptop in hand.

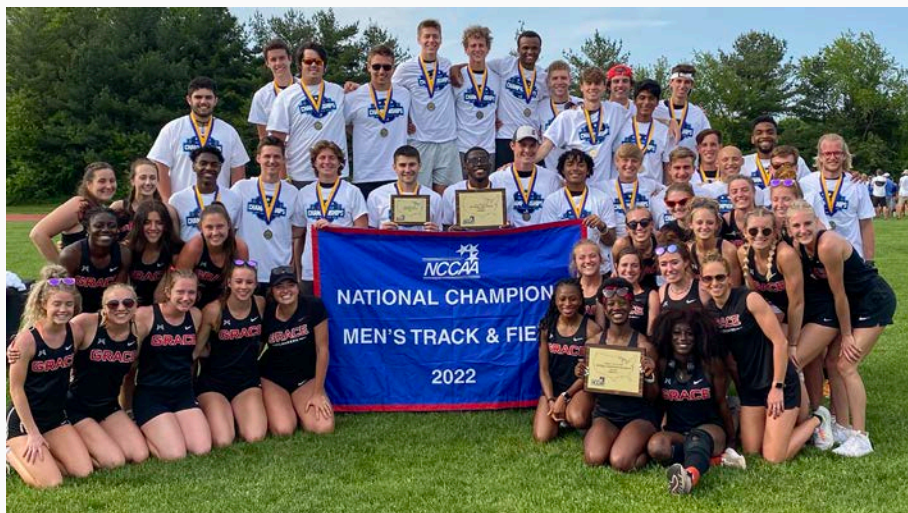
A SIMPLE QUESTION

To the average person, Martin's story may seem extreme. Most people never travel to the most unreached parts of the world, bring healing to sick children or start a nonprofit organization. But God has a beautiful plan for each person's life — many of which surpass our wildest dreams. And they start with one simple, honest question:

What's in your hand?



Grace Tracksters Repeat as NCCAA Champions



Grace's track and field team enjoyed success on the national stage at the 2022 NCCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships. The men's team repeated as national champions, and the women finished as the national runners-up. The men's title is the second-ever in track and field team history and marks the 11th overall title in the history of Grace Athletics.

Grace's coaching staff was named the NCCAA National Coaching Staff of the Year for the men's side at the conclusion of the meet.

Grace Earns Two NCCAA Awards

Grace College's athletic department earned the NCCAA Presidential Award for the second straight year for its five NCCAA national championships this year. The award recognizes the top athletic department for the school year based on team finishes at NCCAA national championship events.

Grace was also named runner-up for the inaugural #KingChasing award which emphasizes the NCCAA's mission to keep Christ at the center of the student-athlete experience. Schools are awarded points by showcasing their commitment to the NCCAA's four pillars of love, integrity, faith and excellence.

Men's Tennis Wins Back-to-Back NCCAA Titles

For the second straight year, Grace's men's tennis team will end its season as a national champion. The Lancers successfully defended their national crown in May, defeating Judson 4-0 in the championship match and repeating the championship victory over the Eagles from 2021.



Facundo Paredes celebrates a point.



Kye Barrett tosses up a serve.

Ackerman Hired as Women's Tennis Coach



A familiar face will step into the head coaching position for Grace's women's tennis team. Emily (Mast BA 20) Ackerman played for three years at Grace, ending her career as one of the most decorated players in team history. She was a three-time All-Crossroads League performer and earned NCCAA All-American status, becoming the first All-American in team history. She graduated No. 3 all-time in singles' winning percentage (36-12), No. 1 in career doubles' winning percentage (38-10) and No. 2 in overall winning percentage (74-22).

"I am deeply humbled to be the next coach of Grace women's tennis. I truly love this program, and I'm thrilled to invest back into a program that invested so much in me," Ackerman said. "I'm eager to watch the Lord use our team to make His glory known."

Leading With Passion, Living With Purpose

WRITTEN BY JOSH NEUHART

It's no secret that Grace College Athletics has been on an upward trajectory. Pristine, state-of-the-art athletic facilities have been constructed across campus, and championship celebrations have been a mainstay in recent years. The Lancers have a long and storied history across the decades. But Grace's recent surge of success is unprecedented.

In the first 62 years of Lancer history, the school earned two national championships. But over the past three years, the Lancers have racked up nine national titles across seven different sports. One man has stood at the center of Grace's athletic revival, known equally for his energetic leadership and his resolute faith in Christ.

Chad Briscoe has served as Grace's Director of Athletics for 13 years. He is the longest-tenured A.D. in school history, as well as a devoted husband to Jamie and father to daughters Kate and Kinley.

"Coach Briscoe," as he is affectionately known by Grace's athletes, is easily identifiable by his energetic, positive approach to leadership. It only takes a fleeting interaction with Coach

Briscoe to see how much passion he brings to each day. Whether he is greeting guests across campus, meeting with recruits or inspiring teams during a pregame speech, Briscoe's enthusiasm is contagious. He has a unique ability to communicate passionately and pointedly at the same time.

And while he is the consummate professional who is both poised and polished, that side covers a fiercely competitive nature. Though he no longer dominates on the basketball court as he did in his playing days in college or during his overseas career in Sweden, Briscoe still has a deep love of competition which helps him connect closely with Grace's coaches and student-athletes. In fact, rumor has it that you may find Coach Briscoe leading the cheers with the team in the locker room after a big victory – although any recorded proof has been confiscated.

Briscoe's leadership has had a dramatic impact on the Lancers. As a result, he's become a recognized figure at the national levels of the NAIA and NCCAA. Four times he was selected as the Crossroads League A.D. of the Year; more recently, he was honored in the summer of 2022 as the NAIA A.D. of the Year by the

National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

But it's not the personal awards or the championships that keep Briscoe going; rather, it is his love for the Lord and for the mission of the school that keeps him motivated. His heart for serving others has also gained Coach Briscoe a well-deserved reputation. Recently retired Grace President Dr. Bill Katip (BA 74) said that Briscoe is "the epitome of a servant leader and a primary reason for the resurgence of our athletic department."

Crossroads League Commissioner Larry DeSimpelare added: "Chad is a beacon of light for Grace College and the Crossroads League. His calm leadership, servant heart and always-positive attitude are the cornerstones of his role as athletic director at Grace. His servant heart is always on display, and his humble manner of putting others ahead of himself is seen daily in conversation and action."

Briscoe has championed the phrase "Building Champions of Character" at Grace. The phrase speaks to the duality of being a Christian competitor at Grace. On one hand, it's evident to see Grace's teams battling for victory and excellence on the field of competition. But success as a Lancer also entails another critical facet – building up young men and women to be world changers and disciples of Christ.

And within that duality, Briscoe leads with passion and lives with purpose. To know Coach Briscoe is to be inspired and challenged by him to follow suit.



1. Briscoe (center) with former men's basketball coach, Jim "Coach K" Kessler (BS 70) (left) and current coach, Scott Moore (BS 08) (right).
2. Briscoe shares with students in chapel.
3. Briscoe smiles for a photo with Larry DeSimpelare, commissioner of the Crossroads League, at the NAIA National Convention.
4. "Coach Briscoe" celebrates commencement with Grace men's soccer player, TJ White, who graduated this May.

ALUM NOTES

Connecting With Our
Family of Friends

Class Notes

1960

1 After more than 60 years, former Lancer basketball teammates (left to right), **Warren Brown** (C 60) (Chandler AZ), **Marvin Fuller** (BA 60) (Apache Junction AZ), and **Bob Monroe** (C 60) (Tulsa OK), spent time golfing together reminiscing about their time at Grace.

1979

2 David Culver (MDiv 79) recently published, "What's Best for the Body?" which presents a transition model prioritizing the well-being of a local church as it navigates change in pastoral leadership. The book may be ordered at www.westbowpress.com. David has served as a lead pastor in four local churches. Now retired, he continues to do pulpit supply, international pastoral leadership training, and teaches Bible as an adjunct for Cedarville University (Cedarville OH). David and wife

Carolyn have been married 45 years and have four married children and fifteen grandchildren. drculver5@gmail.com

1987

Dr. Stephen Shores' (MA 87) four-book series "The Relationship Project" was recently published. The books are based on John 13:35. Steve has served as licensed clinical mental health counselor at the Center for Biblical Counseling, Inc. (Hickory NC) since July 1989. sshores2911@gmail.com

1996

3 Jason Horst (BS 96) has operated his own home-based graphic design agency since 2003. In October 2020, he and wife Katherine, a fine artist, moved their businesses out of their home and opened Horst Art at 17 N. Main Street, Manheim PA. In addition to professional art and design services, Horst Arts (horstarts.com) offers a series of creative experiences and artistic training. jason@horstarts.com

2001

Mike Lansing (BS 01, MBA 21) and family moved to Mesa AZ where he began serving with Food for the Hungry (Phoenix AZ) in February 2022.

2004

4 Marla (Pick BS 04) Jensen and her family enjoy living in Eastern Montana where Marla is a stay-at-home mom and her husband, Shane, works as the alternative education coordinator for the local school district. She is involved with Bible Study Fellowship and her local MOPS groups. They enjoy spending time serving their local church, being

outdoors and cheering for the Green Bay Packers.

2006

5 Dr. Emy (Krebs BA 06) Lorigan and husband, Dr. William Lorigan completed their doctoral degrees from Liberty University and walked at commencement together. Emy earned a Doctor of Education: Curriculum and Instruction: Special Education degree with high distinction. willandemy@hotmail.com

2014

6 Trey (BS 14) and **Genevieve (Benson BS 12) Stoll**: Paxton James, February 9, 2022. Paxton joins sister, Palmer (2) at their home in Warsaw IN.

2015

7 Brandon (BA 15) and Claire **Knight**: Cooper Allen, April 30, 2022. The family calls Crown Point IN home. baknight94@gmail.com

Jonathon Roy, Ph.D. (BS 15, MA 17) began serving as assistant director of counseling services at Trevecca Counseling Center in January 2022, and completed his Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision from Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville TN) in May 2022.

Luke (BA 15) and Jubilee **Shaver**: Jason Amadeo, April 10, 2022. Jason joins sister Dorothy (2) at their home in Wichita KS.

2016

Ashley Petitt (BS 16, MS 16) lives in Indianapolis IN and began serving in accounts payable/business operations at Indiana State Teachers Association in January 2022.

Jacob Vickers (BA 16, MDiv 18) began serving as associate pastor at Eagle Creek Grace Bible Church (Indianapolis IN) in January 2022. jacobvickers@ecgrace.org

2020

8 Zach (BS 20) and **Mischelle** (Murillo BA 18) **Hill**: Elena Lynn, March 10, 2022.

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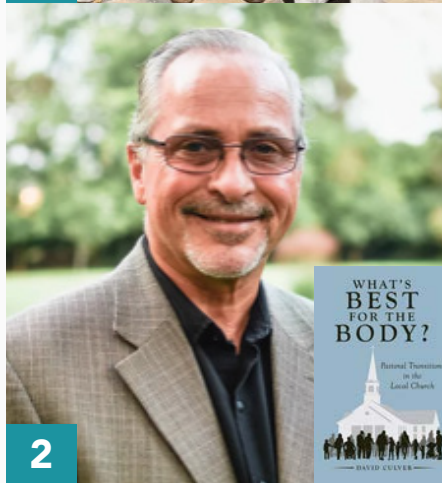
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In Memoriam

1951

Joyce E. (Polman C 51) Griffith of Winona Lake IN passed away on May 7, 2022. Joyce married **Rev. D. Robert "Bob" Griffith** (BDiv 53), with whom she shared 66 years of marriage. Joyce was a proud pastor's wife and homemaker. With her family she served the Lord as Bob served as a Grace Brethren Minister in Lake Odessa MI; Grandview WA; Philadelphia, Telford and Hollidaysburg PA; and Berne IN. Upon retirement, they moved to Kosciusko County (IN). She will be remembered by her two sons: **David** (BA 75, MDiv 80) (**Susan (Suter BA 75) Griffith; Dr. Steven** (BS 82) (Rose) **Griffith**; and daughter, **Kathleen (Griffith BA 77) (Bob BA 76) Burns**; sister, Patricia (**Wendell** (MDiv 57)) **Kent**. Also surviving are eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Emma Griffith. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, **Gerald Polman** (BDiv 46); and sister, **Elaine (Polman S 46) Brenneman**.

1956

1 Alice E. (Snider MA 56) Koontz went home to be with her Savior on Feb. 6, 2022. On April 13, 1957, she married **Charles Hollis Koontz** (BDiv 56) who passed away on Dec. 18, 2021. Alice graduated from Wheaton College (Wheaton IL) in 1954 and from Grace Theological Seminary in 1956. She worked as church secretary at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church for 26 years, retiring in 1995. Alice enjoyed going to church with her husband and family at WLGB Church where they were members for over 60 years. Alice will be remembered

by sons: **David** (BS 80, MSNM 19) (**Linda (Stapleton BA 76); Doug** (BS 83); and **Steve** (BS 85) (**Christine (Sparzak BS 90)**). Also surviving are five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

1962

2 Dr. James "Jim" Harrison Nesbitt (BDiv 62, ThD 91) passed away on March 24, 2022. Jim earned several degrees; he graduated from Princeton University (1958) before attending Grace. He also attended the University of Paris in France. Jim met **Nancy Lee McBride** (C 63) in 1962, and they shared the next 55 years doing everything together. He spent his life teaching wherever God planted him, and he loved serving as a missionary in France in Amberieu-en-Bugey where he and Nancy helped with churches in the Albarine Valley and with youth activity with **Tom** (MDiv 57, DDivH 96) and Doris **Julien**. He will be remembered by his children: **Patrick** (BA 88) (Ella) **Nesbitt; Eric** (BA 89) (Evelyn) **Nesbitt; Caroline "Carrie" (Nesbitt BA 99) (Christopher) Brown**; and six grandchildren.

1963

Donna Jean (Swank, Grubb BS 63) Hallman passed March 2, 2022. In Dec. 1952, she married Lawrence Andrews Grubb who became suddenly ill and passed away on October 5, 1958. Donna moved with her two young children to Winona Lake IN where she enrolled in Grace College in September 1959. The Lord saw her through, and she graduated with a degree in elementary education, which led her to move back to Ohio where she began teaching at Bellville Elementary in the fall of 1963. In Nov. of 1978, Donna

married Dale Hallman; they enjoyed 27 years of marriage before cancer brought about his death in December 2005. Donna then left Mansfield to be nearer to her daughter in Marion OH. She is survived by: son, **Eldon** (BA 77, MDiv 83) (**Denise (Harkness BS 81) Grubb**; daughter, **Denise (Grubb BS 79) (Jim) Castle**; two stepsons; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Terrell "Terry" Royce Holsinger, Sr. (C 63), passed on May 23, 2022. At Grace, Terry pursued music, knowledge and the love of his life, **Sandra (Harbaugh C 63)**. After they were married, the couple had three children. They settled in Texas. With a long career spanning from plastering homes to a practicing composites engineer, Terry also became a licensed minister and Bible scholar. He loved to travel; summer vacations were spent with family, friends, and working to help Builders for Christ. Terry is survived by his wife, Sandra; son, Terrell Royce Holsinger, Jr.; daughters, Gretchen Holsinger and Wendy Beth (Timothy) Kelso and their two daughters and three great-grandchildren.

1964

3 Peggy (Malles C 64) Horney met her Savior on March 26, 2022. She spent most of her childhood in Indiana as her father, Pastor Mark, was called to congregations in Warsaw, Fort Wayne, Flora and in Altoona PA. Peggy met her husband, **Douglas Horney** (BA 68), at Grace College, and they married on May 25, 1963. They moved to Phoenix AZ in 1971. She is survived by a large and loving family including her husband, Doug; children, David (Dawn) Horney

and Kristin (Michael) Acosta; sisters Jody (Ken) Miller, Becky (Bob) LeCount, Laurie (Stan) McCall and 14 grandchildren.

Edward Nelson Wingard (BDiv 64) died on May 8, 2022. Ed was a member of Sherwood Baptist Church (Madison AL) where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and member of the church choir for many years. He received a chemical engineering degree from Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburg PA) and served as the founding pastor of the Sarver Brethren Church (Sarver PA). His greatest joy was to introduce others to Christ. Edward is survived by his wife of 60 years **Norma (Fiscus BS 61) Wingard**; children: Randy (Michele); Sheryl (Dennis) Knabb; Annette (Charles) Paul; Sonya (Jason) Foster; Amy (John) Rankin; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and his brothers.

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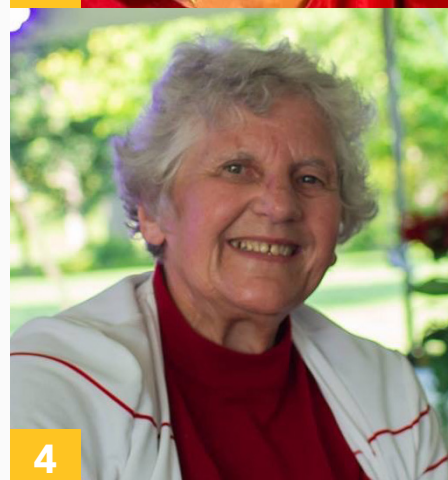
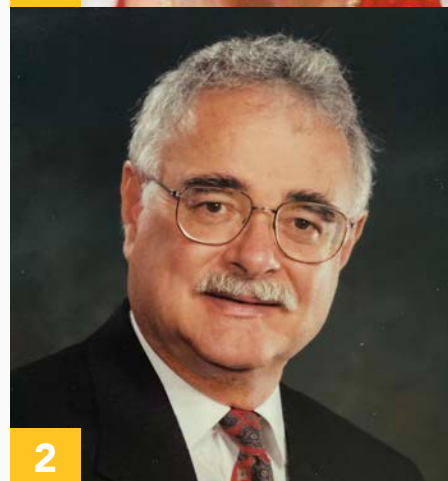
After 67 years together, **Rev. Raymond Davis** (BA 65, MA 69) and Dr. Luisa "Hebe" Davis have both passed. Ray was born in Birmingham, England. At 16, he joined the British Merchant Marines. After falling ill, he was rushed to the British Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and met Luisa, a Christian Argentine registered nurse, who introduced Ray to Jesus. They fell in love, were married three years later and immigrated to the USA where Ray attended Grace College. They served as missionaries in several foreign countries and later returned to the USA where they pastored several churches and retired. Ray served on the Grace Board of Trustees (1991-2006). He is survived by many relatives in England and Argentina.

In the USA, immediate relatives include Ray's sons, Kenneth and Mark, and Hebe's younger sister Martha (Thomas) Goossens.

1967

Rev. John A. Renick (BDiv 67), passed away on Jan. 29, 2022. Linda (Cook) and John were married for 57 years and had three sons, John R. Renick, Joshua Renick, and Jay Renick, and six grandchildren. John taught school in Libertyville IL and at North Chicago High School, until he and Linda moved to teach at Westminster Academy (Fort Lauderdale) where John headed up social studies and taught Bible classes. In 1988, John and Linda moved to Gainesville for John to pursue a Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Florida where he worked in the college library. John finished his teaching career at Blue Lake Academy (Eustis FL).

4 Phyllis Ann (Haney BS 67) Roberts passed away on Jan. 29, 2022. She was married on Aug. 5, 1972, to Earl Lavon Roberts who preceded her on May 16, 2010. She retired from Wawasee Community School Corporation where she taught third grade at North Webster Elementary for 36 years. After retirement, she worked at Lance's Food Market and was co-owner/operator of Sonshine Preschool & Christian Academy (North Webster IN) for 15½ years. She attended Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. She is survived by: daughter, **Wende Roberts** (BS 01), three sisters and three brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers.



1977

5 Valerie "Val" (Lundgren BS 77) Weinstein passed away on April 16, 2022. Growing up in a missionary family, Val experienced her childhood in Pakistan. On Jan. 7, 1978, she married her college sweetheart, **Bryon Weinstein** (BS 84). Val went on to teach in health and physical education until she retired in 2015. She always had a heart for coaching. Val was one of the most accomplished women's athletes at Grace College, earning 11 varsity letters in basketball, volleyball and softball. She was the recipient of Lancer Softball Team MVP and is a member of the 2018 Grace Athletic Hall of Fame. She will be remembered by her husband of 44 years, Bryon; brother, Paul F. "Skip" (Carolyn) Lundgren; sister, Winona "Nonie" (Ray) Wakeman; brothers-in-law: Tim (Trish) Weinstein, **Mark** (BS 82) (Lisa) **Weinstein**; and sister-in-law, Karre (Jeff) Smith.

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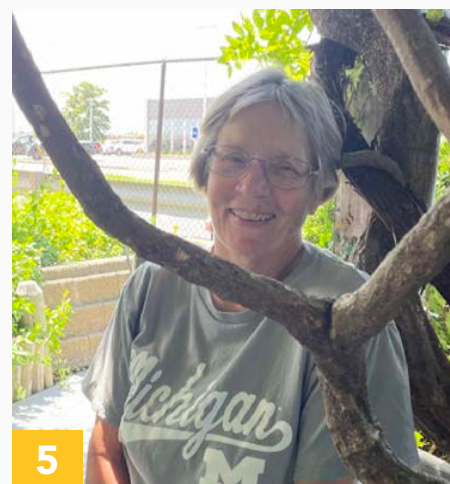
6 Dr. Richard G. "Rick" Fairman (ThD 86) met Jesus face to face on Jan. 31, 2022. Rick was husband to **Judy K. (Ashman BS 74) Fairman** for 39 years. Rick completed his Doctor of Theology at Grace Theological Seminary. Over the years, Rick served as interim pastor for various congregations, most recently at New Beginnings Charis Fellowship Church (Myerstown PA). He also taught in several Bible colleges and seminaries, including Grace Theological Seminary. Rick was a member of Lititz Grace Church and served on the Herald Board of Grace Brethren Churches for many years. He is survived by his wife and children: Jonathan (Leslie Jones) Fairman, and Katie M. Fairman, and three grandchildren.

1989

Emily Celeste (Walter BS 89) Shoppy died on Jan. 23, 2022. Emily majored in biology and played women's basketball all four years. In 1993, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at Butler University (Indianapolis IN). Upon graduation, she briefly worked for Eli Lilly & Company in their drug manufacturing quality control. Emily married **Wallis D. Shoppy** (C 91) in June 1989, and were married for 32 ½ years. They have three children: Rachel (24), Andrew (22) and Rebecca (20). Emily is survived by Wallis and their three children; mother, Peggy; brother, **Johnathon** (BA 83, MA 85, MA 96) (Lenise) **Walter**; niece, **Carly** (**Walter** BS 09) (**Paul** BA 12, MA 15)) **Morales** and their three children.

1997

Bruce Grafton Bonham (BS 97) joined his Lord and Savior on Feb. 10, 2022. Bruce was a devoted husband for over 50 years, a supportive father to compassionate and sincere children—and a loyal brother, favorite uncle, doting Grandpa and dedicated friend. He is survived by his wife, **Ardith (Glass C 73) Bonham**; children: **April (Bonham BS 97) (Shannon BS 97, MA 00) Hollinger**; **Jessica (Bonham BS 03) (Thomas Jr. BS 03) Pycraft**; **Amanda (Bonham C 05) (Bradley) Greene**, and Joshua (Dana Cook) Bonham; nine grandchildren; and four brothers.



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*Please pray for
the families of
these alumni who
also recently
passed away:*

Rev. John Robert Dilling (MDiv 52)
Arthur Lavon Harman (BS 64)
Donald Robert Holmes (BA 73)
Dalene Kay (Zimmerman BS 75) Mullins
Gregory "Greg" Ciha (C 81)
Rev. Marvin Wesley Penner (ThM 82)

DEAR FRIENDS

Allow me to introduce myself as Grace's new director of alumni engagement. After serving as a director of development at Grace for almost eight years, I felt like God was calling me to something new, and as God often does, he set the scene so perfectly. It seemed like everything fell into place for me to step into this role, enabling me to serve an institution I love so much in a new way.

I'm thankful to say I've known many of you for years. It's possible you're from the Warsaw area and know me from my early days of attending Lancer Basketball games in the old Lancer Gym. Maybe we were enrolled at Grace at the same time and sat in a communication or business class together. In recent years, it's possible I commented on your discussion forum in Grace's online master of nonprofit management program. Or perhaps you recognize my face as a member of the No Name Quartet, a southern gospel quartet comprised of Grace graduates who have performed in recent years at Homecoming.

If none of those things ring a bell, there is a chance you know my wife, Katie (Autry C 93), or my kids, Ellie (Matt) Simpson, Joe (BS 19, MA 21) (Kate (Spears BA 20)), Mary, Ben, or even my newborn granddaughter, Norah.

But chances are, you don't know me at all. And I hope that changes.

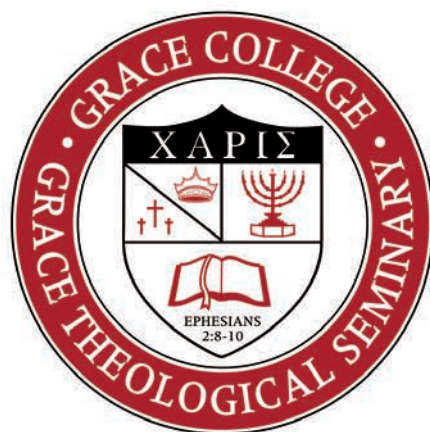
One of the things that most excites me about this new position is the chance to not only connect with you but to connect you to each other. To leverage this family network for gospel-centered impact – whether that be welcoming a recent Grace graduate into your home for a meal, helping them land their first job, or inviting them to your local church. Because this family, while diverse in many senses of the word, shares one thing in common – Grace.

The longer I work for this institution, the clearer it becomes that this is exactly where I am supposed to be and the more I appreciate what my education here gave me: a passion to be salt and light in this world.

I am filled with excitement and expectancy about what this next chapter at Grace College & Seminary will bring as we continue to do what we've always done – to know Him and to make Him known.



Bob Jackson
Bob Jackson (BS 91, MS 19)
Director of Alumni Engagement



Presidential Inauguration

Friday, November 4, 2022

Dr. Drew Flamm, Seventh President
of Grace College & Seminary

More details to come.



Golden Grads

May 6, 2022: Members of the Class of 1972 returned to campus to reconnect and celebrate their Golden Grad Reunion.

Front: Dave McComas (BA 72), Rose (Leistner BS 72) McComas, Barbara (Brickel BS 72) Klink, Judy (Herman BA 72) Daniels, Karen (Stevens BA 72) Bays, Carol (Taylor BS 72) Hoffert, Greg Hoffert (BA 72), Wayne Hannah (BA 72, CERT 77)

Back: Tim Waggoner (BA 72, S 73), Butch Shook (BS 72), Robert Armstrong (BA 72), Larry Edwards (BS 72, MDiv 77, DMin 10), Joe Shepherd (BS 72), Lonnie Harper (BS 72, MA 89), Denny Reeve (BS 72), Bill Shook (BA 72)



Episodes:



E65: Hear from David Benzel (MDiv 91), professor at Kyiv Theological Seminary in Ukraine who has been in Eastern Europe since the day Ukraine became a country.



E64: Dr. David & Dr. Rachael Hoffert talk about their journeys in education and which Dr. Hoffert was a better student in high school. Tune in to find the answer.



E63: Kiersten Martin went from transfer student to Grace Student Body President. Hear more about her journey to Grace.



E62: Mike Yocum (BS 79) first became interested in theater when "Oklahoma" was a Broadway play. True or false?



E61: Jim Hocking (BA 77, MDIV 84) knows all of the ins and outs of installing wells in Africa. Now you can too.

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Homecoming Chapel

Campus Tours

Accounting Alumni Reunion

Lancer 5K

Parade in The Village

Various Sports Alumni Games

Tailgate Lunch

**Jerry Franks Memorial Open
House**

Jerry Franks Memorial Concert

Class Reunion Banquet

Symphony of the Lakes Concert

Registration Opens August 1