

THE JOURNEY

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CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Milestones are important for us to celebrate and to stop for a while and ponder. At times, God told the people of Israel to set up standing stones as memorials as well as stacks of stones to cause people to recall how God had faithfully worked in the past. In fact, many times in Scripture we find that the Lord instructs Israel to cease their labor and rest in order to remember what happened in the past and celebrate what God has done. This is one of those times at Grace Bible College. We began in 1939 as an evening Bible institute in the city of Milwaukee, and over the years, God has grown, developed, and preserved the College in marvelous ways!

As you look through the pages of this edition of *The Journey*, it is our prayer that you will stop and ponder along with us how God has worked powerfully, and has faithfully shown His favor to Grace Bible College. God has brought wonderful people to serve as board

members to direct this work. He has brought dedicated faculty and staff to teach and invest in the lives of students for over seventy-five years! And, finally, you will see, God has brought incredible students to Grace – they are eager to study God’s Word and leave as graduates prepared for meaningful service according to their callings. Grace Bible College exists for the glory of God, and God is glorified as we prepare godly individuals to serve effectively in church and society.

Enjoy the articles, photographs, and graphics – and join us as we praise and worship the Lord for His goodness and favor!

KEN B. KEMPER
President



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CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

KEN B. KEMPER, PRESIDENT

You know, I don't feel old, and I still look forward to the future more than I reminisce about the past. But, I realize my age when I consider God's blessings through the years! I am thrilled to share my story of God's faithfulness and blessing as we reflect upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of MBI/GBC.

I attended GBC in the 1980's, and God gave me an incredible woman to marry. After graduation, we set out to do what GBC equipped us to do: serve the Lord. We saw God's hand of blessing and faithfulness through many challenging situations as missionaries in Africa and as we raised the children God entrusted to us. Our three children attended GBC, met their life partners here, and now serve the Lord with great passion! What a story of God's faithfulness and blessing!

God first brought GBC and the Kemper family together over 35 years ago. My older sister, Kathy, began as a freshman in 1977. She has served faithfully as GBC's librarian for many years, and is retiring this year. God has been so faithful and I am grateful for the ways He chose to use GBC in my life, my family, and in the lives of our alumni around the world.

"Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never

fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love." (Lamentations 3:22, 23, and 32)

In 1961, the College moved from Wisconsin to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Shortly after this physical transition, Dr. Jack T. Dean became the second president, allowing Charles F. Baker to focus on his writing. During the next twenty years, the College developed a solid academic reputation, adding new facilities such as the Aldrich Athletic Center and Baker Chapel. Wonderful faculty members taught; and the College became accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). By 1990, the College also achieved regional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (formerly called North Central Accrediting Association). Inter-collegiate athletics, additional professional studies, and ministry internships rounded out the collegiate experience.

By 1979, enrollment grew to 200 students, but the number declined to below 100 in the early 1990's. During these years, music teams traveled, ministering in churches and to young people, and mission trips allowed students to learn firsthand from international missionaries

how to serve Christ and share His love. Recruiters spoke at youth camps, encouraging "grace" young people to attend GBC for higher education. Through it all, God impacted lives, proving His faithfulness even as the College struggled to sustain operations in a challenging and ever changing environment.

Dr. Sam Vinton served as third president of the institution, followed by fourth president Bruce Kemper. These faithful men led, working with the board, faculty, and staff to impact students and prepare them for ministry while the attractiveness of attending a Bible college waned in public opinion - even among churchgoers. GBC sought to balance a heart for ministry with rigorous academics while keeping expenses affordable. I was told that during this period, GBC's board members spent much time on their knees praying for God's provision and wisdom. I have heard this story many times from past and present board members. They (and we) know God was and is faithful! He brought GBC through those difficult times.

Our history forms our firm foundation upon which we continue to build: 75 years of God's faithful work through godly people laboring to serve Him wholeheartedly. We praise God for seven faculty members with doctorates teaching in their



areas of expertise! (Two more will finish by the end of 2016). Three administrators are earning doctorates from accredited institutions, and many adjunct professors also hold advanced degrees. Students learn from excellent faculty led by outstanding divisional chairs. Assessment occurs regularly, and improvements are made based upon this data. Our staff works with excellence, whether in student life, food service, maintenance, or financial aid. Everything is built upon GBC's

Our board exercised tremendous faith and support by approving new programs of study, and moving forward with capital improvements which enlarged and beautified our campus. When taking these mighty steps, they always stopped and prayed, fully trusting in a faithful God.

"The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Grace Bible College began as a journey

Here is how God moved my heart:

"I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:9, 10)

Oh, how faithful God has been to His Word and to His promise to help and uphold me, and, more importantly - the

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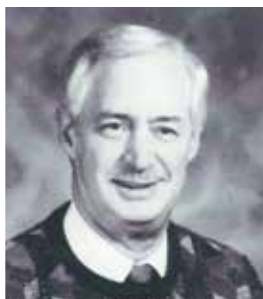
strong history of hard work, realizing God's faithfulness and favor.

Our enrollment staff recruits while emphasizing our unique biblical core. All curriculum is taught from a biblical perspective by godly instructors, and students study the Bible, as well as take theology and ministry-related courses. God has almost tripled our traditional student body in the last twelve years, and an additional 400 students are in our non-traditional program! I am in awe of what God has done through our unified commitment to Him and our total dependence upon Him!

of faith by God's people to trust in Him and do His work. Our seventy-five year history testifies that God has proven Himself faithful in the past, and He is worthy of our trust for the present and the future.

I have a passage marked in my Bible which the Lord impressed upon me in October of 2002. I was awake in the middle of the night - praying and seeking God's direction concerning the possibility of leaving Africa and the ministry we loved to come to GBC and serve as president.

ministry of Grace Bible College! He desires us to selflessly throw ourselves into His care, and find Him faithful! It is my desire to serve the Lord with great abandon. I believe we will see this seventy-five year history of His faithfulness continue in ways which will bring even more praise and glory to His name. Let us make that our prayer for Grace Bible College!



75 YEARS OF GRACE



1939 - 1950

1939

Pastor Charles F. Baker establishes evening Bible Institute at Fundamental Bible Church to train laypersons. Doctrinal basis: evangelical, premillennial and mid-Acts dispensational

1950 - 1960

1953

Fourth year added to the curriculum. Students may earn diploma or BA in Biblical Literature

1959

College informed it could no longer use the basement of Fundamental Bible Church for classes; search for a new home for the College begins!

1960 - 1970

1960

Milwaukee property sold to Concordia College; groundbreaking occurs for Grand Rapids, Michigan campus

1961

Classes begin in Grand Rapids (September); Tuition \$5.00 per credit hour; Room and Board charges: \$335 per semester; first men's basketball team

1965

Enslow Apartments constructed; authorized by State of Michigan to grant ARE and BTh degrees

1968

Bultema Memorial Library built; first five-year BTh student graduates



1948

First graduating class of three year program of study

1955

Reincorporated as Milwaukee Bible College; Huston Hall built as dorm and library; Room and Board charges: \$439 per semester

1964

Rec Room added to Huston Hall; AABC (American Association of Bible Colleges) accreditation achieved

1967

Inauguration of John T. Dean as second president; Charles F. Baker becomes president emeritus

1970

Authorized by State of Michigan to grant AA degrees; Klein Apartments constructed

1970 - 1980

1977

Aldrich Athletic Center built

2014

CELEBRATION OF 75 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO MBI/GBC!



2006

O'Hair Administration Building remodeled; GMI, GGF, and Grace Publications now located on campus; men's basketball wins NCCAAII national championship

2009

Men's basketball wins NCCAAII national championship

2011

Beyond the Bricks Capital Campaign allows construction of new student commons; men's basketball wins NCCAAII national championship

2000 - 2010

2010

Adult and Online Program (AOE) begins first cohorts; men's basketball wins NCCAAII national championship

2012

Klein and Enslow Apartments converted to dormitory housing; first graduating class from AOE program graduates 26; men's basketball wins NCCAAII national championship

2007

Vernon Schutz Chair of Pastoral Ministry created

2005

Purchase of Horizon High School for additional classrooms, office space; remodeling occurred; named Jack T. Dean Academic and Media Center



2003

Bultema Memorial Library gains addition; inauguration of Kenneth B. Kemper as fifth president

1995

Entered consortium agreement with Cornerstone College to begin a BRE/BA in elementary education program

1990

Accreditation achieved from NCA (North Central Association of Colleges and Schools); Philotheon Hall renamed Preston Hall; Blackburn house purchased

1990 - 2000

1997

Authorized by State of Michigan to grant BMus and BS degrees

2000 - 2010

1991

Inauguration of E. Bruce Kemper as fourth president

1985

Inauguration of Dr. Samuel R. Vinton, Jr., as third president; authorized by State of Michigan to grant BRE with educational ministry emphasis and BTh with church music emphasis

1978

First women's basketball team

1980 - 1990

1980

Baker Chapel constructed; first women's volleyball team



1989

Construction of Velting Field completed; authorized by State of Michigan to grant AA and BRE with business emphasis

THE REGISTRAR

Remembers



MISS EVLYNE BEYER

When most of us attended GBC, we knew there was “someone” who organized and coordinated the classes in classrooms, scheduled the times of classes and exams, and recorded and sent out our grades. For many decades, that person was Miss Evlyne Beyer. We thought it would be fun to see what she could tell us about the early days of Milwaukee Bible Institute and her life of service at Grace Bible College. Evy (as we know her) graduated from Milwaukee Bible College in 1949 – sixty-six years ago!

Tell us about your journey to MBI – what led to your attendance, what was it like in those early days?

I decided to enroll at MBI in 1947 – the second year it had been a day school. My best friend, Julia Smith, had enrolled, and I also became interested in attending. I seriously wanted to be in a place where I could determine God’s will for my life—at the time, I worked for a realtor and knew I didn’t want to do that forever.

Classes in those early days were held on the first floor of a house on Wells Street. Male students lived on the second floor. Between our classes, we rushed to the backyard to play volleyball for the five minutes between classes – such fun! I graduated in 1949, and I taught for four years at a Christian elementary school in the south along with Mary Ann Nelson.

So, you moved far away from the College. What made you return?

In 1957, I returned to MBC as a secretary to Mr. Baker. During that time, there developed a need in the teaching ministries, so I did the best I could to fill in as a teacher in a freshman course. This verified to me that I did indeed enjoy teaching, but that I felt a need to be better prepared to do so. So, in 1960, I left to enroll at the University of Dubuque where I earned my bachelor’s degree—then my master’s degree at Wheaton. After my graduations, I did begin teaching at Grace Bible College, which had by that time moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Those of us who studied Christian Education under your tutelage will ALWAYS remember “Hook, Look, Book, Took.” Did that originate with you?



No, that came from a textbook written by Larry Richards entitled "Creative Bible Teaching," but I used that formula in several of my classes where we studied how to teach in church Sunday Schools. It's a good formula!

Please tell us a bit about Charles and Teresa Baker:

Teresa and Charles Baker were perhaps two of the most dear and humble people I have ever known. Teresa had great vision for Graceline materials to be used for teaching Sunday School. She and her students wrote many series of Graceline lessons, which, at the time, were taught in some of our churches. Charles was by far the most intelligent person in a vast number of areas I have known, but was the most humble person – never flaunting it. His depth and range of intellect was only revealed when talking with him and asking questions. They were both precious and dear people.

You were also at GBC when Jack T. Dean became the second president. Can you share some thoughts about Jack Dean and his wife, Ann?

Ann and Jack Dean were dormitory supervisors when I joined GBC. Jack was also on the faculty, and I shared an office with him in early years, allowing me to observe his leadership qualities. After he became president, Jack worked tirelessly to advance the College to become educationally strong, and to develop and expand the campus.

You were an integral part of the GBC Women's Guild for many years. Tell us a bit about the Guild, and some of the events they held, and projects they completed for GBC.

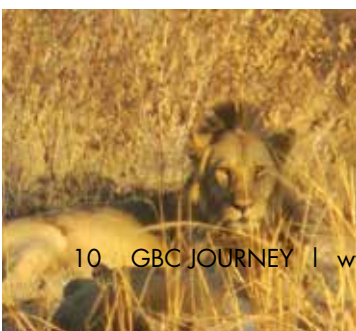
The GBC Guild was comprised of ladies from various Grace churches.

Each year, the Guild sponsored a prayer breakfast in the fall, allowing the women in West Michigan to gather and pray for GBC and its students, faculty, and staff. In addition, the Guild sponsored an annual craft sale at the College. Homemade items (delicious foods, crafts, clothing, and many other wonderful things) were donated by the women and the community was invited to come and shop. Through the years, we provided carpeting in the dormitories, new drapes and furniture in the lounges, and other items needed by the College through our events.

Evvy currently lives in Holland, Michigan and enjoys hearing from former students!

LIFE CHANGING...

The impact of this trip will live on for years to come.



When one returns from a mission trip, the most common question asked is often the hardest to answer: "How was your trip?" A thousand different answers come to mind, most of them difficult to express. If I could answer in just a few words, I would say, "Safari nzuri sana – it was a very good trip." That sounds generic and simple, but it is the truth. It was adventurous, fun, challenging, and life changing! Few people could visit a country like Tanzania and not be deeply impacted. God did some amazing things during our trip, and we are beyond blessed to have experienced it. Hopefully this will give you a good "snapshot" of our African adventure!

Every two years, missionary Brook Seekins plans and hosts a seminar for local Tanzanian churches to teach and train musicians, pastors, and worship leaders. Music is a fundamental part of the Tanzanian church ministry. Tanzanians are drawn to music, and will visit a church to find out what is happening. After several months of preparation [emails, fundraising, meetings, purchases, and packing parties (with tons of pepperoni for Brook)], Dr. Jason Werkema and his wife Darcie, my wife Danae, and I were ready to leave for Tanzania to help with the seminar! We flew out of Chicago, had a layover in Zurich, Switzerland; and finally arrived in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Out of eight pieces of checked luggage, only four arrived with us. This was our first "welcome" to Africa! The rest of our luggage would arrive from Nairobi, Kenya later that evening. The next morning, we returned to the airport at 4 am to retrieve and repack our lost luggage, send it across Tanzania on a bus, and then catch our 6 am flight. In the past, travelers had to drive the 17 plus hours through Tanzania to get to Mumba, but the recent opening of a nearby airport dropped our travel time to just one hour! We arrived in Mumba, as did our luggage. After some rest, we took off with Brook and other missionaries to visit Katavi National Park. We saw every animal imaginable – except zebras. We saw lions, elephants, Cape buffalo,

hyenas, hippos, giraffe, mongoose, several types of antelope, and even a rare ... leopard (but no zebras)! We would not have seen the leopard, had he not been hiding in a tree, snarling at some people sitting on the top of a car parked there. What a neat experience!

We spent the next few days preparing for the worship seminar. Along with other staff members, Dr. Werkema and I created a workbook, translated sermons, and transcribed English worship songs into Swahili (let me tell you, it is one thing to translate lyrics, and quite another to fit the lyrics, melody, and rhythm into a different language!). While we prepared, Darcie and Danae were able to help at the home of missionaries Mike and Lynn Caraway. Jason's wife, Darcie, is a nurse, and Danae is a nurse's aide, so this came in handy with the many physical (medical) needs of the local people. We also cared for an orphaned infant named "January." Lynn Caraway has a ministry to help when the orphans are sick and deprived, needing nutrition and attention. January was a content, yet very serious little boy. It quickly became our goal to see who could get him to smile each day!

The week of the seminar was a blur! Five days, each solidly packed from 8 am to 9 pm with classes, worship sessions, music lessons, music theory, and several sermons! 41 students attended, with 29 first time attendees. Most of the students were naturally talented at singing and playing by ear. Our job was to teach them the music theory behind their skills and help them understand it all. This would help them when writing and reproducing music. We were amazed at how much they were willing and able to learn during those few days of training! Many of them had walked for days just to attend, and many "paid" with food (such as rice), so you can imagine how committed they were to learn as much as possible. It was a humbling experience for us. Each student received eight musical lessons and six music theory lessons. The most incredible

part was their ability to read and sing a brand-new song in four-part harmony after learning how to read the music notes! The seminar was successful, and we were amazed at God's leadership throughout the event.

We visited two local churches the following Sunday. It was a special time of worship, as both churches included some students who had attended the seminar. They were able to put into practice some of their new skills, and we were able to be a part of it.

The last leg of our journey was spent with Mike and Terese Benton. They had been in the US the past few years and just returned to the Rukwa Valley. Danae and Darcie were able to help out at the Kapenta medical clinic – putting their nursing skills to good use, while Jason and I helped where needed. Our return journey felt similar to our arrival, as our luggage – once again – decided to give us trouble. We arrived in Dar Es Salaam to find our extra luggage had arrived just in time for us to repack it, check in, board, and begin the journey home. We are so thankful to have returned home – exhausted, but healthy and intact!

The impact of this trip will live on for years to come. The people we met, the culture we experienced, and the work that God accomplished through us is humbling. We hope to lead another trip in 2016 for our GBC students. We are thankful to everyone for their support and prayers, and we praise God for the Tanzanian people who were so kind and welcoming to our team. We now look forward to seeing how God will open the door to future opportunities like this.

ADAM WOLF
Worship Arts Facilitator



ANSWERING THE CALL: GRADUATION 2014

Excitement was in the air as graduates, families, and friends gathered for the sixty-ninth annual commencement activities of Grace Bible College. "Answering the Call" was the theme of the banquet held on Friday evening at Stonewater Country Club in Kentwood, Michigan. The Class of 2014 was recognized and celebrated through music and testimonies. God's direction and leading in their lives was evident.

Commencement exercises took place at Rush Creek Bible Church on Saturday, April 26. We praise God for the 72 godly graduates who completed their studies, and are now serving Christ in church and society. Commencement addresses were given by Margaret Segalla, who received a BS in Biblical Studies, and Charlotte Gooden, who received a BS in Leadership and Ministry. Their speeches are presented here for your encouragement.



MARGARET SEGALLA

This is the story of my journey through GBC. At 17 years old, I stepped off the plane and arrived in the city that would be my home for the next five years (a city that, had I known about the weather beforehand, I may have reconsidered!). I was fearful of what the future would bring, fearing the unknown. With my older brother, Josh, at my side, I began a journey that would completely transform my life.

As I reflect on my time at GBC, here are some discoveries which brought significant transformation:

I AM NOT IN CONTROL

This has been difficult for me as I enjoy control and stability. I am tempted to rely on my own abilities rather than God's provision and sovereignty. At GBC, I was challenged with the truth

of God's total sovereignty. I believed and acknowledged this in my head, but struggled to allow it to permeate my life. Near the end of my sophomore year, a tragedy occurred over which I had no control. When my father abandoned our family, I began a painful but rewarding journey of resting in the truth that God is in control and I am not. No matter how hard I fought for control or tried to fix things, there was nothing I could do to mend the brokenness. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." This brought me to my knees, acknowledging God's sovereignty, and my need to rest and trust in Him. He brought me to the end of myself so I could accept the truth of His sovereignty in my life.

MY WORTH IS NOT DEFINED BY MY ACHIEVEMENTS

As a perfectionist, I desire excellence. Striving to do things well is not bad, but allowing performance to determine worth and identity can be crippling. I was reminded often that I am loved and I have worth - not because of what I have done, but because I am a child of God and He loves me and calls me His. Psalm 139 tells me God knit me together in my mother's womb and I am fearfully and wonderfully made; and Matthew



10:29-30 reads, *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”* I was challenged to retrain my thinking: I could not connect my worth with achievement, but had to believe my identity in Christ would remain – regardless of success or failure.

GOD CAN TAKE OUR FEELINGS OF INADEQUACY AND USE THEM TO DISPLAY HIS GLORY AND POWER

God has a sense of humor, because He called me to do many of the things I said I would never do or did not feel adequate enough to accomplish. Through ministry opportunities, and professors and peers who saw my potential, I grew in confidence and attempted new things. I had some musical ability, but felt inadequate leading worship. While at GBC, God gave me a passion for leading worship, blessing me with opportunities to do so in chapels, churches, ensembles, and touring groups. Even though I felt inadequate, God called me to pursue a position as an RA. Feeling inadequate to accomplish something God calls you to do is the best place you can be, because when He calls you

to do it, it requires complete trust in Him to be faithful to equip you to do it. My weakness becomes less as His power becomes greater. Paul says in II Corinthians 12: *“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”* God’s power has been manifested through my weaknesses as He has shown me repeatedly that He will be faithful to equip me to do what He has called me to do. I served as a Biblical studies intern this year—another role I did not feel qualified to fill. I assisted professors with grading and giving feedback, and prepared and taught theology lessons to sophomore students. Through their encouragement and by God’s grace, I was able to teach with confidence and clarity.

I Timothy 1:7 says, *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”* When I first came to GBC, I led a life of fear. While I still struggle, I have learned that God works through my insecurities, doubts, and control issues, and will continue to use me for great things. I came as a young, insecure, seventeen-year-old girl – unsure of her-

self and fearful of speaking in front of people, yet today, I stand addressing you at my graduation as a confident and equipped young woman.

As I prepare to end this season of life and begin a new one, I am so grateful for how GBC has prepared me. That professor and his wife who picked me up at the airport almost five years ago are the same people who, within the last few months, have counseled and prepared my fiancé’ Pablo and me for this new season of marriage. We are grateful for their love, support, and investment in our lives. I thank GBC for the ministry opportunities and teaching provided to make my life transformation possible; and I also thank those who spoke words of encouragement, supported, and challenged me to reach my full potential.

I challenge you to be fully present in whatever season God places you. Actively seek what God is teaching, allow Him to reveal new things to you, and let those truths permeate your life so He can transform you.

ANSWERING THE CALL: GRADUATION 2014



CHARLOTTE GOODEN

Today is not the “first day of the rest of your life.” That day occurred when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and every day is a continuation of that act of faith. John 3:16 tells us God loved this world so much He gave us – “the whole world” – His one and only Son – so we may live eternally with Him.

Until then, we should embody the mission of Grace Bible College, by being “godly individuals prepared to serve Christ in church and society.” Because we have completed this Christ-centered education, we are prepared to excel in academics and share the vision and promise of Christ. We are to “walk in the light as He is the light.” (1 John 1:7)

Here we are: ready to conquer our world for Christ! So, what brought me to Grace and why did I choose this course of study? First of all, the Lord, led me! But the story of how I got here is a long one.

As children, my brother and I were given up by our mother. We were placed with strangers, but it turned out the man was actually our biological father. There was abuse. My brother was beaten and “disciplined” by horrendous means, and I had the worst kind of abuse for a girl...from her own father, lasting from age 9 to 15. But I had a friend, named Jesus. I had known about Him since I was eight years old. Perfect timing, right?

God has a plan. We wonder why things happen the way they do: I can look back and see why God allowed me to be introduced to His Son, Jesus. He knew I would need a constant friend; Someone I would hear about from time to time as I grew up. Eventually, Christ became more than my friend, He became my Lord and Savior.

There are many awful ways to grow up – being abandoned and abused is just one of them. Of course, Satan uses familiarity: by the time I reached my 30’s, I had been married and divorced twice and had four children. But God’s Word spoke to me, and I realized God’s plan did NOT include a lifetime of abandonment and abuse as I had experienced since the age of nine. Although these things were “normal” for me, Christ wanted to break those bonds, freeing me to be the woman He had purposed.

There is freedom in Christ. And, with freedom comes responsibility! Once we are free in Christ – what is next? Listen to the burden of your heart! Many of you will become educators, business professionals, or church leaders. You will have a burden. In Titus 2:3-5, we “older women” in the Lord are directed to be “*reverent in behavior, not gossips or given to much wine, and are to teach what is good and train the younger women ...so that the Word is not blasphemed.*” I have been married for twenty-one years to my husband; we have a daughter, Charitie, and he also loves my first daughter, Karin. We have a good life with seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren... so why shouldn’t I just sit back and enjoy it? After all, I have arrived, right? **WRONG!**

I have a burden and must answer the call God has placed on my heart. In order to do that, I had to be educated as II Timothy 2:15 says - by studying to show myself approved unto God, not ashamed, and rightly dividing the Word of Truth. I want to minister to abused women and children, and to women in prison. But, how? GBC has given me

the opportunity to learn about myself, my Christian walk, and the precepts laid out in His Word. My degree in leadership and ministry is the foundation for the work God has called me to do.

All of us can claim to be Christians, and can say we love the Lord, but until we have a personal relationship with Him, nothing we do will be of lasting value. This gives us a greater understanding that what we do with our lives will NEVER compare with what God can do with and through us. All we have to do is yield to Him.

What does this mean for you? Only you and God can answer that question – but let me assure you, **He will not leave you, nor abandon you!** In Deuteronomy 31:7-8 we read, “*Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, ‘Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.’*” Our inheritance is eternity. We have to be strong and courageous and go out of our comfort zone in order to bring others to their inheritance of eternity with the Lord.

The Lord Himself goes before us and will be with us; He will never leave us nor forsake us. We are not to be afraid; we are not to be discouraged. At some point in your life, you will feel a burden so strong you can no longer avoid it and, like me, when God asks, “Who will go?” You will say again and again – “Here I am, Lord, send me!”

Here is what I want to leave with you: 1) God has a plan for each of us and His plan is perfect; 2) There is freedom in Christ; and with freedom comes responsibility; and 3) God is with us every step of the way; He will not abandon us, nor will He leave us to wander alone. I challenge you to be ready at every turn to share the message of Christ’s salvation so others can accept His forgiveness and grace!

A LIVING MEMORIAL

A lasting legacy remains when you honor a loved one or friend with a memorial gift. Your gift to Grace Bible College becomes a living tribute to their memory, and it will powerfully impact the next generation as they are learning how to transform their world for Jesus Christ.

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A FAMILY PORTRAIT



JOCELYN WHITEHEAD

ELISSA BERMAN CHABASSOL

Jocelyn Whitehead and Elissa Berman Chabassol became friends in 2012 while they were cohort members of GBC's adult and online education program. They first met face-to-face last April when Elissa came from Pittsburgh and Jocelyn came from Detroit to Grand Rapids for graduation activities. What a wonderful scene to witness, and what a "reunion" it was! The story of their friendship across the miles portrays the true community of "GBC Family." Here is their story.

What brought you to GBC for your studies?

ELISSA

My friend, Daniel Tasman, who now serves as a missionary with Jews 4 Jesus, told me about the program he was in (Bachelor of Science in Leadership and Ministry) at GBC. He seemed pleased, so I prayerfully considered applying. After a few months of consideration, I applied for the adult and online program and began classes in January 2012.

JOCELYN

I was at a point in my career that I needed to complete my degree. However, I was also at a point that it had to be something meaningful to me, something that would be fulfilling and in preparation for ministry work full time when I retired. My vision is to be ready, equipped, and able to serve whenever and/or wherever there is a need (crisis). I discovered Grace Bible College online. The program was perfect, the timing was perfect, and realizing that I am anything but perfect, it had to have come from God, so I made contact to learn more about the program and the rest, as they say, is history.

How did the two of you “meet” for the first time?

ELISSA

Although I can't remember our first conversation, Jocelyn and I were partnered together for an assignment. We did a lot of team projects, and that's how we began to grow our friendship.

JOCELYN

Elissa and I met online. I believe we started the course at the same time. The miracle is that we also completed our degrees and graduated at the same time! What is so amazing is that we

started with a pretty full class, which was completely different except for a few (George Ramsey, Lonnie Harris, Elissa, and I) when we completed the course. Even though Elissa took a break to prepare for her wedding, God kept us together. We had the opportunity to share our full learning experience at GBC working together.

Tell us how your friendship developed:

ELISSA

After restless hours of papers, team projects, discussion board posts, and other exercises, we needed encouragement from one another. The adult and online program was fast paced, challenging, and you really didn't get many breaks. Jocelyn was a great friend who motivated my fingers to type, opened my eyes to study, encouraged me to take coffee breaks, and softened my spirit so I would keep going.

JOCELYN

Elissa and I developed a bond in our discussion posts and team assignments. From there, we just connected, through insights, encouragement, and prayer. It was always a sigh of relief and/or moment of joy to be paired with Elissa on team assignments because she would challenge me, was not hesitant to take the lead, was dependable, and committed to putting her best into every assignment. Her desire to grow personally and spiritually was evident as well. Elissa would also consistently ask how she could pray for her classmates.

I also remember feeling sad when she took her break - I emailed her telling her “not to leave me alone” - at this point, there were no other females in our group! We laughed and she returned a few months later; and it was as though she never left.

Elissa, tell us a bit about Jocelyn:

Jocelyn is the Daughter of the Most High God. She is Jesus' Princess Warrior; she is always prepared to do battle! She really is an amazing mother, friend, and peer. On top of that, she's an awesome servant. She has such a heart for helping women and the homeless to find their purpose in Christ. She is a very cultured person with many interests. She's traveled to Africa and the Dominican Republic, she loves the arts, I believe photography specifically, and she has gone on several mission trips. Jocelyn is a very hard working determined woman. God has given her many gifts and talents that He has used for His glory, and I'm excited to see where God will take her. Through Christ, all things are possible.

Jocelyn, tell us about Elissa:

Elissa has a great sense of humor, is very open and honest, and has wisdom beyond her age. She meets no strangers. She is intelligent, courageous and is also a very committed person. When the course started, she lived alone, had a dog, and worked in a skilled nursing center. During the course, she married Stephen and is truly committed to her marriage. She actually took off to prepare for the big event. She has a passion for ministry. She is in Jews 4 Jesus and exhibits the same level of commitment in her sharing of the Good News.

What was it like to meet each other face to face?

ELISSA

Meeting Jocelyn face to face was one of the best parts of traveling to Grand

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FAMILY

Rapids for our April 2014 graduation. I was so happy to meet her! Being an online student, I often felt disconnected from the "classroom." I was very grateful that Jocelyn and I became friends despite our 4 1/2 hour distance (Pittsburgh to Detroit). I had an idea of what she looked like, so as soon as I saw her, I knew it was her! My first impression: Wow, she could be Whoopi Goldberg's younger sister, ha-ha! Meeting her was the icing on the cake. It connected all of the pieces together: the tears, struggles, celebrations, and victories we experienced together and separately while in the AOE program. We worked hard for our degrees, and we were honestly each other's cheerleader.

Jocelyn really touched my heart when she gave her speech at the graduation banquet. I had no idea she liked me so much, ha-ha! The kind words she spoke about me reassured me of my importance and value to God, to her, and the rest of the Grace Bible College family.

JOCELYN

It was really great to meet Elissa. She reached out to me in anticipation of meeting me at the graduation banquet and my initial intent was not to attend the banquet. I told her I would meet her the following day at the graduation! Contrary to my original plans, I ended up attending the banquet and was blessed beyond measure. I searched for her when I arrived. I was at an ad-

vantage because I had her wedding picture so I knew what she and Stephen looked like. She did not have my picture, but when I found her in the room, she knew immediately who I was.

Not only did we have the opportunity to meet one another face to face for the first time, we were also able to meet each other's families. Meeting her mom and husband were equally as exciting, because she had talked about them. Likewise, Elissa was able to meet my son, mom, and dad, who were present to support and celebrate my accomplishments.

How has your friendship continued since graduation?

ELISSA

Jocelyn and I have emailed each other back and forth a few times since April. I could be better at checking in with her, so I will do that after I finish this interview :-). She is a fantastic woman, and every time we talk, it is such a sweet time of fellowship.

JOCELYN

I believe there will always be a bond between us. There is a saying that God places people in your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. **The reason:** simply to glorify Him, in having this bond through differences in age, physical location, backgrounds, and religious experiences. **The season:**

we needed each other to get through the classes! **Lifetime:** we are sure to meet again - hopefully on this side, but definitely on the other!

We have not had a tremendous amount of communication following graduation, but there definitely is a bond.

Any other comments about GBC/ your friendship/your cohort you want to share?

ELISSA

I feel truly blessed that Jocelyn and I became close. I will never forget how she took time to invest in our friendship. Although I hope to see her before we meet in heaven, I know that we will meet again, and it will be a glorious reunion.

JOCELYN

I pray God's blessing over Elissa and Stephen, that they will grow in strength and love for one another - as they deepen their relationship with God and continue to serve Him with purpose and passion.

My experience at Grace has been life changing. Elissa and I have both built additional relationships with classmates as well. I am grateful for being in the right place at the right time.

For more information about our adult and online degree program, please contact us at 888-79-GRACE.



EXCITING EXPANSION IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

GBC is in the business of glorifying God by graduating godly individuals prepared to serve Christ in church and society. For 75 years, we have remained faithful to that mission by offering the finest degrees in Biblical studies, human services, and worship arts. It has become clear to our board, administration, and faculty that this mission must also include students pursuing careers outside of traditional ministry. We recognize the important need to prepare ministering professionals as well as professional ministers as Grace Bible College moves forward, and we are excited to share with you these recently developed academic programs and expansions which will further our mission.

BUSINESS PROGRAM

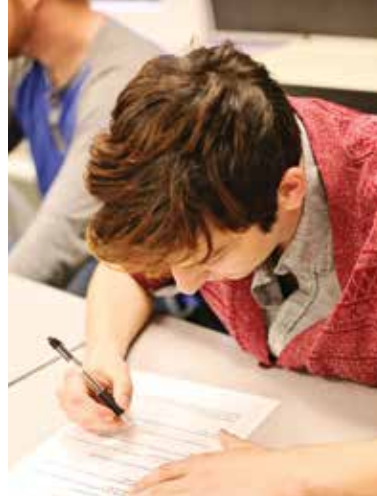
In the last twenty years, there has been an increasing amount of research completed on the relationship between faith and business. Cavanagh (1999) explains that the theory of spiritual leadership originated from the idea that business people are suffering

from “a separation from other people, alienation from their work, and a lack meaning in their lives.” Giacalone and Jurkiewicz (2003) define workplace spirituality in their book as “a framework of organizational values evidenced in the culture that promotes employee’s experience of transcendence through the work process, facilitating their sense of being connected to others in a way that provides feelings of completeness and joy.” The theory of spiritual leadership was designed to aid men and women who feel as though their lives are lived in separate compartments of work, family, and spirituality.

Starting this year, GBC will offer a fully accredited bachelor of science in business degree with a concentration in management for students who desire to serve Christ in the business sector. The business program is building its curriculum utilizing the latest in course/classroom technology and is designed to take the natural talents, gifts and abilities of a diverse group of students and prepare them to serve effectively and immediately in the workforce. It

will effectively blur the traditional line between business and ministry, helping students to realize their calling to the field of business. Through an education that focuses on integrating Scripture into all areas of business, real-world case studies, role-playing, mastering various forms of technology, and group projects, our students will be prepared to help organizations become more stewardship-focused, redemptive-oriented, and profitable.

Students with a business degree from GBC will understand their obligation to share their faith in the marketplace. The “business as a mission” movement highlights the ability of business professionals to share the gospel with many individuals (customers, vendors, stakeholders) who have never had the opportunity to hear the gospel in a traditional religious setting. Faith and business are connected. The goal of this program is to introduce a more homogenous lifestyle to business students – where Christian faith is connected to work and family life, and where they are motivated by their ability to live a
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fulfilling life, sharing their faith. The program will focus on adding meaning to the lives of business students through practicing their faith in the workplace.

The Business Division of Grace Bible College is devoted to developing the talents of our students through classroom instruction and mentoring, enabling them to serve the mission of God as both genuine disciples of Jesus Christ ready to share their faith in the workplace and high performing business professionals who can leverage technology and provide strategic insight to a variety of business settings.

The excitement for the program is contagious. Assistant Chair of the Business Program Matt De Young says: "I have always been passionate about business as a calling and now my students are seeing the connection. We are thankful to the Lord for the favor He has shown in putting this program together and getting us through the accreditation process. It provides so much encouragement that we are bringing glory to His name."

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

The human services program at GBC is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of helping and healing relationships that enables graduates to serve individuals, families, and society. The purpose is to develop practitioners who are biblically informed ethical thinkers who can practically apply their knowledge to serving others. Graduates serve in a variety of human services agencies working with children, families, and with underserved populations, such as the mentally ill, homeless, or human trafficking victims. Drs. Jan Schregardus and Scott Shaw provide leadership for the human services program, with a very qualified and capable adjunct faculty including Dawn Rodgers-DeFouw, Cynthia Shyne, Sherita Edwards-Barnes, and David Price. Coursework includes Bible, theology, psychology, and sociology, as well as a strong arts and sciences foundation. Human services majors also join Dr. Shaw on a visit to the University of Illinois' (Chicago) Jane Addams Hull House to appreciate a significant facet of American human services history and celebrate their academic journey. Graduates also complete an academic year of practicum in a human services agency.



ZACH NILES

Zach Niles (human services major) says, "My future aspiration is pastoral ministry; however, I chose the human services major to give me a broad range of skills and opportunities, especially being able to work with people, learn about interpersonal relationships, and better understand stress. Not only will I have the core Bible and theology coursework, but I will be able to integrate the psychological and social understanding that will help me in ministry. This program will better help me understand people's needs to serve them better."

NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION

The human services program with a concentration in criminal justice provides a biblically informed interdisciplinary education in the criminal justice human services field, having a theoretical knowledge and application for real-world Christian service. This concentration shares the same



strengths of the general human services degree in providing a wide-range of career opportunities. In developing this concentration, an advisory committee made up of law enforcement professionals from local, state, and federal agencies provided direction and valuable feedback. The first class of criminal justice concentration students will graduate in April 2015 with aspirations to go into the work force to gain real-world experience, or to go on to the police academy, graduate school, or law school.



ALICIA SWIERINGA

Senior criminal justice student Alicia Swieringa says, "Grace has enabled me to be the best person and student I could be because of the close community atmosphere and integration of faith in all of my classes. The personal relationships with faculty helped me be successful by pushing me beyond what I thought I could do and they encouraged me spiritually. I chose the criminal justice concentration as a foundation for my goal of becoming a police officer and future college professor. These goals were supported and encouraged through my Tae Kwon Do training (earning my black belt with instructor certification) and being able to work part-time with GBC campus security, as the first female campus security officer. I am also completing my practicum as a cadet at a local police department. I recommend this program to others because you would not receive the sense of community or personal relationships with your professors at a larger university."

EXPANSION TO NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

Most recently, the human services program has been expanded into GBC's non-traditional adult and online program, and is now able to offer the human services major as a degree-completion option along with their current leadership and ministry degree program. The degree-completion format allows working adults to take classes online or onsite in cohorts as they progress through the program to complete their studies. The nontraditional human services degree shares the same program-specific outcomes as the traditional program, and includes a capstone in lieu of the physical residency practicum, allowing adult learners to take the online program from anywhere in the country. Hope Network (a Michigan-based human services agency) has recently articulated an agreement to support their employees throughout the State of Michigan to complete their bachelor studies through GBC's online human services degree-completion program. Emphases will also be offered in criminal justice, leadership, and business.

Courses are being written and curriculum is being finalized by approved course writers as student recruitment begins.



NICK MASCORRO

After completing a portion of his criminal justice requirements elsewhere, 2014 human services graduate, Nick Mascorro says, "My education at Grace provided an opportunity for me to hire in at a local police department immediately after graduation. My education also reinforced my biblical beliefs, and taught me to work compassionately with people. What also helped me was having an intimate, community environment with personal support from faculty and staff, giving guidance along the way to support my success. I highly recommend GBC for anyone considering human services or criminal justice as a career."



GBC ATHLETICS

GBC students know there is more to being an athlete than winning games or championships. The ultimate goal is to graduate as an individual of character with a heart prepared to serve Christ. I Timothy 4:8 says, *“Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”*

Athletes become lifelong members of the GBC Tiger Family as they experience the triumphs and trials of competition; team devotionals; leadership of excellent coaches; and form friendships which continue through the years.

COACH SPOTLIGHT:



JOSHUA HERLEIN,
Assistant Coach - Men's Soccer

Josh graduated from GBC in 2009. As a student, he started for the men's soccer team. After graduation, he worked at Wedgwood Christian Services, affirming that soccer helped him prepare to serve effectively. Josh, now a GBC enrollment specialist, assists with men's soccer. He is excited to be a part of their lives, knowing these men will become leaders in their communities. He looks forward to contributing to their growth – on and off the field.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:



ANDREW CLARK,
Men's Soccer

Andrew is a 2013 youth ministry graduate. He played soccer for four years, and is recognized as one of the best defensive players in GBC history. He describes growing as a leader and learning humility while at Grace, and attributes much of his learning to the impact of Coach Buchanan, and the “family” relationship with teammates.

Andrew and his wife Nichole serve in youth ministry. He enjoys working with teens, as they are vital to the future of the church. He loves being involved in their lives and showing them Christ's love.



JESSICA KEIZER,
Women's Basketball & Volleyball

Jessica, a 2008 graduate, was a key player on the women's basketball and volleyball teams and her servant attitude greatly influenced the teams. While at Grace, she learned to put the needs of

others ahead of her own, and she was considered one of the most helpful and kind students around campus.

Jessica serves as a youth leader at Holland Rescue Mission. The best part of her job is watching students grow, seeing success in their lives, and being there for the hard times.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:



CAMERON CRAMER,
Men's Basketball

Senior student Cameron had a breakout season last year. As team captain, he led the team to a regional championship and a national final four while earning academic honors. He has learned that athletics should not be his focus, rather a tool to facilitate growth and influence others for the better. For Cameron, sports have been an incredible medium to meet and influence others for Christ, to learn how to go through the difficulties this life throws at you, and to put life into perspective: “there is a whole lot more to life than a ball and a hoop.”

Cameron interned at Amway Corporation last summer, focusing on philanthropy efforts. Lord willing, Cameron hopes to land a marketing position after graduating. He and fiancée Nichole Gray plan an August 2015 wedding.





EQUIPPED TO TEACH

BY PAUL SWEET, Ed.D

One of Grace Bible College's core values is that we are and will always be intentionally and pervasively biblical. Every student graduating with a bachelor's degree, regardless of major, will complete at least 30 credits of Bible and theology courses. Students complete surveys of both the Old and New Testaments, as well as the essential elements of systematic theology. They explore their faith and their relationship to the church and world, both in terms of local communities and foreign mission fields. We are truly blessed to have godly faculty who know how to speak these truths to the hearts and lives of our students. It has been my privilege to serve alongside them for over ten years. It is an honor to faithfully proclaim the truths of Scripture and discover new ways to better equip our students with the knowledge and skills to handle accurately the Word of Truth.

I would like to share a recent change to our core classes which will benefit our students and better prepare them for a life of service. I remember my first days as a student at GBC, over forty years

ago. I learned to love God's Word, how to study it for myself, and how to communicate it to others. My favorite classes in those early days taught me the basic skills of Bible study as we explored Galatians, and foundational principles of how to teach others. I am so thankful for Pastor Jim Carlson and Miss Evlyne Beyer and their investment into our lives! We were so blessed and privileged to learn from these dedicated instructors!

While the names of the classes may have changed over the years, our commitment to these values remains the same. We still desire that our students know how to study the Word of God for themselves and that they are equipped to teach others.

Some of you who attended GBC more recently may remember taking CE 252, Foundations of Biblical Instruction. This course was replaced in 2014 with two new courses, which students complete based on their declared major. Students pursuing degrees in pastoral, youth, intercultural, or women's ministry will take Biblical Interpretation, currently taught

by Pastor Craig Apel. This course introduces students to the principles and practice of hermeneutics so that they may correctly handle the Word of God as they preach and teach. Other students complete Bible Study Methods and Application, which I have been privileged to teach. Both courses reflect GBC's continuing commitment to train effective communicators of biblical truth.

So, what do students learn in these courses? As the lead instructor for Bible Study Methods and Application, I first want to ensure my students know the basic skills of inductive Bible study, namely:

OBSERVATION...

What does the text say?

INTERPRETATION...

What does the text mean?

APPLICATION...

How does it work?

When we study the Bible, we often want to jump immediately to application without taking the first steps, which begin with observing what the text says.



When that happens, we miss out on so much of what the Bible is saying. So I begin by encouraging these students to devote themselves to reading the biblical text so much so that it begins to “ooze from their skin.” Being a serious student of Scripture is hard work, but the benefits far outweigh any costs as we fall in love with the Book and the Author. I am reminded of the words of the song written by Vern Stromberg, a long-time professor at Grace Bible College:

to build the “Principlizing Bridge” as we re-create the hearts and minds of the writers and original audiences. Before we can ever ask, “What does it mean to us?” we must first ask, “What did it mean to them?” In doing so, we seek to understand the barriers, not the least of which are the distinctions between the Church and Israel. This “Principlizing Bridge” allows us to cross these barriers and discover the timeless truths of Scripture, which we can apply to our

My students also learn about these elements of effective lesson planning. For many students, this may be their first time to teach a lesson, but hopefully, it won’t be the last. Perhaps you remember when you were first learning to teach. If so, then you know that it takes practice, practice, and more practice.

Thank you for praying for and supporting our students. They need and deserve this opportunity to become all God

We desire that our students know how to study the Word of God for themselves and that they are equipped to teach others!

*Dear Lord, may I each day
Read Thy precious Word
May I love it and obey it too
May I grow to be like Thee
May my friends see Christ in me
In Jesus’ Name, Amen*

Once we have immersed ourselves in the truth of the Bible, and we have consulted the biblical map by comparing Scripture with Scripture, it is important

world today, as well as to our lives. It is my constant prayer that my students will learn these principles not only for this course, but more importantly, for their lives and ministries long after they leave GBC!

This course also seeks to equip students with a basic understanding of teaching. Do you remember learning about HOOK, BOOK, LOOK, and TOOK?

intends them to be—godly individuals prepared to serve Christ in church and society. Pray too for the faculty, staff, and leadership of Grace Bible College, as we seek to equip these students with the necessary knowledge and skills, not the least of which is a hunger for the wonderful Word of God!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT HOMECOMING 2014

Grace Bible College is grateful to God for the excellence of our alumni and their dedication to serve Him faithfully. New Alumni Coordinator Juli Poort ('02) planned a wonderful Homecoming/Alumni Weekend last October to celebrate our 75 years as an educational institution dedicated to training men and women to serve Jesus Christ. The theme was "Facets of Faithfulness," and over 100 people joined us for two days of fun and fellowship, including a 5K walk-run, a chili cook-off, athletic events featuring current student and alumni games, a special homecoming chapel, and a lovely banquet recognizing our Alumni of the Year and honored class guests.

AL AND JEANNIE WOLF

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR



We were able to honor Allan Wolf, and his late wife, Jeannie Helberg Wolf as Alumni of the Year for their selfless service to Jesus Christ and Grace Bible College through the many years since they left MBI. Al (and Jeannie) have been involved at GBC for over fifty years, with Al serving on the board of directors, and both of them serving as volunteers for many events both on and off campus. Their two children and a grandson attended GBC as well.

"Anyone who has met Al has met the love of Christ. He lives out his faith every day in a way that makes all feel important, valued, and welcomed. The genuine interest and kindness he exudes is rooted in his love for his Savior, and his desire to share that with everyone he meets!"

Jim Shemaria,
Pastor, Celebration Bible Church

In addition to the tradition of honoring the Alumni of the Year, we began a Young Alumni recognition this year. Two young alumni were selected and honored for their dedication to living out the mission statement of Grace Bible College: Graduating Godly Individuals Prepared To Serve Christ In Church and Society.

GRETCHEN RECORDS JOHNSON



Gretchen Records Johnson (a third generation alumnae) graduated from GBC in 1999 and currently serves as the Director of Nursing at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, where she founded the Mother and Baby Program. She and husband, Corey have one daughter named Natalie.

"Gretchen is a leader at Pine Rest. She quietly lives out her faith in the way she shows compassion to patients and their families. She exemplifies the best blend of professional excellence motivated by a commitment to following Christ."

Mark Eastburg,
President and CEO,
Pine Rest Christian Mental
Health Services

TOMMEE PROFITT

Tomme Profitt is a 2007 graduate of Grace Bible College who is carving out a path in the music industry. Recently signing with Capitol Records, Tommee is a producer, songwriter, recording artist and worship leader committed to serving Jesus Christ in everything he does. Tommee and wife Angela have two children – McKenlee and Colton.

"Tomme is one of those rare breeds of people that will forever influence and change lives of others around him. His giving spirit and passion for life is truly infectious. Not only is he a musical genius, he's a dear friend to me."

Bryan Lenox,
Grammy Award Winning Producer,
Nashville, Tennessee



CONNECT WITH US!

Alumni around the world are reconnecting with each other! Join us on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or LinkedIn! Just contact Juli Poort for more information, or to share your news!

Grace Bible College is grateful to God for the excellence of our alumni and their dedication to serving Him faithfully. If you know of a GBC graduate who is worthy of recognition, please let the Alumni Office know so we can consider them for the 2015 awards!



MEET OUR NEW ALUMNI COORDINATOR

JULI POORT
GBC's Alumni Coordinator

Juli loves GBC, and is excited to be working in the area of alumni relations, reconnecting our alumni with the College.



APPLYING BIBLICAL WISDOM TO FINANCIAL PLANNING

How we use the wealth God has entrusted to us is an outward picture of our inward heart condition. And of course, what God really wants is our hearts. Before you seek the advice of professional financial advisors, we encourage you to reflect on the biblical wisdom below and ask the Lord to show you how to apply His principles in your situation.

WE ARE GOD'S MANAGERS, GIVEN A SACRED TRUST OVER WHICH GOD HOLDS US PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE.

"So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU AND OTHERS THROUGH YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF HIS RESOURCES.

"Command [those with wealth] to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

DON'T STORE UP WHAT YOU CAN'T USE WHEN YOU CAN GIVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO CAN.

"Then [the property owner] said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'" (Luke 12:18)

ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S OWNERSHIP OF EVERYTHING YOU ARE AND EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)

HONORING GOD IS FOUNDATIONAL TO OUR PLANNING.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10)

THE VALUE OF ANY ASSET GOD HAS GIVEN YOU IS IN HOW YOU USE IT.

"The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'" (Matthew 25:20)

MAKING PROVISION FOR OUR LOVED ONES IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied

the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Timothy 5:8)

SPREADING THE GOSPEL IS AN ESSENTIAL PURPOSE FOR GOD'S RESOURCES.

"...and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." (11 Corinthians 5:19-21)

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GRACE BIBLE COLLEGE LEGACY SOCIETY

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

This special group of partners commits to supporting the mission of Grace Bible College through a designation in their estate plan or other form of planned gift. As a member we will send you a letter of thanks expressing our gratitude for making this important decision. In addition, we will send you a lovely gift which can be displayed in your home or office showing your commitment to Grace Bible College. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you and discuss effective stewardship that allows you to maximize your giving and impact for Christ.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Plan to join us for one (or more!) of these GBC events:



APRIL 25

Grace Bible College
Seventieth Commencement Exercises



MAY 7

National Day of Prayer Service
12:00 noon in Baker Chapel



JULY 13

GBC at the Whitecaps
Annual Scholarship Fundraising Event



SEPTEMBER 11

GBC Golf Classic



OCTOBER 16-17

GBC Homecoming/Alumni Weekend



DECEMBER 4

Worship Arts "Gloria 2015" Event

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