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Our faculty is currently working on more fully integrating servant leadership training and service learning into our curriculum. Despite these most difficult times, Grace University remains true to its vigorous and vital mission.

Let me conclude with a final thought. That God is sovereign is an axiom of our faith. So, this recession must be factored into that belief. In some ways, this recession has resulted from the foolishness of human leaders, financiers and brokers. But God can take even such foolishness to teach us lessons and remind us about what is truly valuable and meaningful in life. In a recent sermon, Dr. John Piper, Pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, suggested some purposes God might have for this recession.

1. God intends for this recession to expose hidden sin and so bring us to repentance and cleansing. God wants to cleanse us of something at the heart of the human condition—self-reliance—and bring us to a deeper reliance on Him. This recession exposes the sin of wasting money and the sins of selfishness, greed, fear, impatience, and grumbling.

2. He intends to wake us up to the constant and desperate condition of the developing world where there is always and only recession of the worst kind. Perhaps God will use this recession to reorder our priorities.

3. He intends to relocate the roots of our joy in His grace rather than in our goods, in His mercy rather than our money, in His worth rather than our wealth. 2 Corinthians 8:1–2 speaks of the Macedonian church, "in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." Piper calls this a "recessionary text.” When times were bad, the Macedonians were more generous!

4. He intends to advance his saving mission in the world—the spread of the gospel and the growth of His church—precisely at a time when human resources are least able to support it. This is how He guards His glory.

5. He intends for the church to care for its hurting members and to grow in the gift of love.

I have found this recession personally very convicting. It has driven me to God and His grace in a fresh, invigorating manner. May each of us find our own "recessionary text" and not stop giving, praying or relying on Him. Grace University, ever faithful to its mission, needs you now more than ever!
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Grace University Men's Basketball team ended their regular season with a tough road trip to Kansas, losing to both Manhattan Christian College and Barclay College. This ended their regular season record with 15 wins and 15 losses. This was a difficult season as we dealt with losses at many different levels, especially coming off the tremendous season that we had last year, states head coach Thad Mott. "We lost six players from last year, we lost three players at semester and we lost a player due to an ACL tear. It seems like we were intended to learn lessons of how to deal with loss this season."

Considering all the things that the Royals faced this season, they never gave up and they fought with heart and desire. This determination led them to the Championship game of the Midwest Christian College Conference Tournament in Kansas City. They were up against an opponent who had beat the Royals by a 28 point margin the week before. "It would have been very easy for our players to throw in the towel and give up heart coming into the championship game, but they did not do that and that shows the character of the men on this year's team," states Coach Mott. Instead the Royals came out strong from the beginning and dominated the Manhattan Crusaders for most of the game. At the end of regulation, Manhattan hit a three point shot and two free throws to take the lead for the first time by two points with 17 seconds left. Coach Mott called a timeout and drew up a play to have their best three point sharp shooter, Jonathan Loutzenhiser, shoot a game winning three point shot. "Jonny got the ball in his hands but he was inside the arc," says Coach Mott. Loutzenhiser faked his defender and got him up in the air and then let the ball fly as the buzzer went off and drew nothing but the bottom of the net to send the game into overtime, but the Royals ran out of gas and players, as two starters fouled out and the Crusaders triumphed in overtime.

In the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Central Region Tournament, the Royals found themselves in the semi-final game against a tough Central Bible College team out of Springfield, Missouri. The Royals needed to win this game to have a chance to advance to the NCCAA National Tournament and defend its National championship. The Royals came out strong and led most of the game but ran out of steam in the final four minutes of the game. "It was a disappointing way to end the season as we were ahead for most of the game and to lose in the last four is a tough pill to swallow," states Coach Mott. The Spartans outscored the Royals in the final minutes, 18 to 4, to end the game and dash the hopes for the Royals to return to the national stage for the second year in a row. Coach Mott reflected, "Once again the men showed great character and heart as they gave everything they had but we just ran out of energy at the end."

Several Royals received NCCAA Central Regional recognition: Junior guard, LaMar McMorris was named to the 1st Team All-Region, Sophomore forward, Jonathan Loutzenhiser was named to the 2nd Team and Junior forward, Jordan Shockman was named honorable mention.

CAA Central Region Honors: Freshman point guard Rachel Schnell was named to the 2nd Team as well as Sophomore forward Brooke Wagster, Freshman off guard Lacey Woitaszewski was named to honorable mention as well as Sophomore post Radiance Dotzler.

If you are interested in being part of the Royals Athletics, go to www.graceroyals.com, contact Chris Benson at 402-449-2868 or email cbenson@graceu.edu to make arrangements for a campus visit.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Grace University Lady Royals showed great heart and resiliency as they dealt with low numbers, sickness and injury for most of the season. They ended the season winning 5 of the last 6 games and finishing with a 17 and 12 regular season record. This completed one of the best seasons that the Royals have had in the last 15 years. Head Coach Dawn Ommen states, "We really came together at the end of the season and played good basketball. For an incredibly young team, we really got a lot out of them."

The Lady Royals entered the Midwest Christian College Conference Tournament seeded third. They faced Nebraska Christian College in the first round and defeated them 60 to 40. In the second round of play, they faced 2nd seed Ozark Christian College Ambassador, who had beaten them earlier in the season. The Lady Royals came out from the beginning with dominance, opening up a 15 point lead and holding on to beat the Ambassadors 61 – 55 and finding themselves in the Championship game against the Manhattan Christian College Crusaders. The Crusaders defeated the Royals in both appearances in the regular season. The Royals came out strong in the first 30 minutes of the game and held a 10 point lead, but the youth of the Royals was exposed and they were outscored 25 to 4 to end the game, losing 64 to 75. "This was a difficult loss as we had them exactly where we wanted them," states Coach Ommen. "The wheels on the bus came off and our youthfulness was brought to light."

The following week the Lady Royals found themselves playing in the NCCAA Central Region Tournament semi-final game against the host, Manhattan Christian College Crusaders. "It is tough to play an opponent four times in one year," states Ommen. Manhattan came out from the very beginning and beat the Royals in every area of the game and eventually beat the Royals by 10 points. Coach Ommen reflects, "They were definitely the better team this year. We had four chances to defeat them and they had our number."

Four Lady Royals received NC-A
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BAMTAM
Takes Service-Learning Farther Than Ever Before
On May 17, six of our students have an amazing opportunity to take Grace’s service-learning initiative farther than it has ever gone before—to China!

These students are part of Grace’s most in-depth example of service-learning, the new Business As Mission / Teaching As Mission Program (BAM-TAM). This program integrates classroom learning with a real-life community service project and critical reflection. As a result, students apply the professional skills they will use in their later careers in practical, tangible ways that benefit their academic development and personal growth. They also simultaneously contribute to their community partner’s programs and goals.

As part of this year’s BAM-TAM program, four education majors and two business majors will partner with a local business owner in southwest China. While the business majors help with the day-to-day operations of the business, the education majors will assist with English Language Learning (ELL) courses at a nearby international school. In the evening, both groups contribute to special English-related activities that the local business hosts. These activities give the local students opportunities to improve their English-language proficiency by communicating with native English speakers. These activities can also serve as vehicles for spiritual discussions when the participants raise these types of questions.

As our six students and three instructors prepare for their travels, they compiled a list of prayer requests. We ask that you lift up these requests in prayer during their month-long venture abroad.

- God’s guidance and wisdom in completing our trip preparations
- Strong team development and positive team dynamics before, during, and after our trip
- Compassionate servants’ hearts as we develop relationships and do our work
- Success in encouraging and supporting our hosts in their long-term roles
- His eyes and heart as we adjust to Chinese culture and food
- A smooth transition to a very different time zone
- Health and safety throughout our travels
- Peace as we rely on the Lord Jesus and trust Him with the trip’s details
- Ability to recognize “God events,” the experiences and provision that only He can (and will) orchestrate
- Opportunities to demonstrate God’s love in practical, tangible ways
- Greater understanding of the impact business can have for His kingdom
- Wisdom to make all lessons and interactions relevant, practical, clear, and helpful to our students

Once they return, we look forward to sharing what God has done for these students, the community partner, and the nationals they have served!

Jared T. Burkholder
CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

MISSIONS, both international and home, have always been in the DNA of Grace University. But how does Grace stay on the cutting edge of change in 21st Century missions, while keeping its historic commitment to missions?

Throughout its history, Grace has hosted an annual, one week “Missions Conference,” usually in early February. To reflect a more global approach to missions, in 1990 the week became known as “World Christian Conference.”

In 2009, World Christian Conference became The Jared T. Burkholder Conference on Global Engagement. With the June 2009 retirement of Dr. Burkholder, this new name honors Dr. Burkholder’s contribution to Grace, his passion for world missions and his innovation in founding the Edge program. Further, since missions is a growing and evolving discipline and since vocabulary about missions is also evolving, “Global Engagement” reflects a more appropriate and relevant label.

Does this signal a change in Grace University’s commitment to missions? No. Through the creative Edge program, Grace University is even more deeply committed to world missions. The Conference on Global Engagement enables students to connect their faith actively and practically to the challenges facing humanity and then to aggressively apply the gospel to those challenges. The new conference name and emphasis equips students to make those connections.

This year’s theme, “Learning to Live Right,” reflects the words of Isaiah 1:17: “. . . Learn to live right. See that justice is done. Defend widows and orphans and help those in need.” The broad biblical theme of “justice” permeated all facets of this year’s conference on global engagement. Speakers challenged students to think biblically about justice in all its facets and applications.

Dr. John Perkins, the keynote speaker, is a legend within the African-American Christian community and well-known throughout the world. Using Scripture, he shared personal experiences from the civil rights movement and his deep-seated love for Jesus Christ. His words were riveting, challenging Grace students to think biblically about race and justice. Other conference topics included updates on the realities of AIDS around the world (Dr. Allen George, Grace University’s missionary-in-residence), the struggle over natural resources in an age of consumption (Nanga Kaye Mady), and biblical definitions of oppression and justice (Lowell Noble).

The Global Engagement Conference challenged this generation of students to be actively involved in Kingdom work, representing our Savior to a lost world.
How long has it been since you updated your will? If you could make some beneficiary adjustments without spending any money to do so, would you? One of the simple ways to do so is to use a “Payable on Death” designation for one or more of your investments. These investments could be an IRA account, a 401(k) account, a checking or savings account, a Certificate of Deposit, etc.

Payable on Death (POD) accounts are often called the “poor man’s trust” because they accomplish the same goals as a lawyer-drawn trust, but for free. With a POD account, the beneficiary has no rights to the funds until you pass on. Until that time, you are free to use the money kept in the account, to change the beneficiary, or to close the account. You control everything until you pass on, which leaves many people with peace of mind.

A POD account is a regular bank account that names a specific person or charity as the beneficiary of the funds in that account once the account holder dies. All you have to do to set up a POD account is notify the bank or custodial institution of the legal name of the beneficiary who you want to inherit the trust. In just one easy step, you avoid probate court and ensure that your funds are directed where you planned. Be sure to notify the beneficiary as well.

Grace University has received monies from such accounts. The wisest plan is to use tax sheltered retirement assets to give to the charity of your choice since charities do not have to pay the income tax that your loved ones will have to pay when they withdraw IRA or retirement funds.

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Founded in September 1943, one month before I was born (October 1943), Grace University has intersected my life during four significant blocks of time—(1) for nine months [February–October 1943] as I, in my “prenatal incubator,” listened in on Mom and Dad’s discussions about and prayers for the formation of a Bible institute; (2) for six years [1948–55] as a “President’s Kid” when Dad gave administrative leadership to Grace first as Vice President, then as President; (3) for four years [1961–65] as a student and as a “Faculty Kid” when Dad headed up the Pastoral Ministry Department and taught Bible; and (4) for the past 20 years [1989–2009] as Director of Intercultural Studies, instructor in Bible, and Vice President for Student Services. It has been my privilege over the years to personally know all of Grace’s presidents.

Jared Burkholder’s Top 10 Highlights of the Past 20 Years at Grace

#10. Participating in the development and transformation of the Grace campus
#9. Celebrating the addition of the EXCEL program, our own Teacher Ed program, and the Graduate College
#8. Enjoying intercollegiate sports (especially when our two sons were on the basketball team) which has grown from our fledgling two-games-a-year men’s basketball schedule with Omaha Baptist Bible College (now Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa) in 1961 to men’s and women’s sports teams which have achieved national championships and a gaggle of sportsmanship awards.
#7. Completing my Doctor of Ministry at Trinity International University
#6. Having the opportunity to shape Student Life around seven values; craft community standards that are reasonable, clear and enforceable; and pursue a disciplinary philosophy and structure that are restorative rather than punitive.
#5. Launching the Intercultural Studies EDGE program—a six-month, on-site, field-based, learning model. Since 1997, 102 students have participated in this cross-cultural program.
#4. Traveling and living overseas with most of the EDGE teams for 2-5 weeks to teach, transition and learn alongside the students.
#3. Serving as the Grace LIFE “Chapel Czar.” For the past 20 years I have chaired the committee and opened Grace LIFE four times a week.
#2. Advising and instructing hundreds of students
#1. WATCHING GOD TRANSFORM LIVES

2009 ART FESTIVAL

Grace University, the Fine Arts Committee, and Mr. Leonard John-son co-sponsored the 2009 Fine Arts Festival. The Festival was held from Feb 20th through March 6th in the recently opened Alford Achievement Center on the University campus. This year, as in the previous three years, the Fine Arts Festival included paintings/drawings, sculptures, photographs, sketches, and written works by Grace University students, faculty, staff and their families.

2009 CAREER FAIR

Grace University’s Annual Career Fair was held on Wednesday, March 25th. There were 20 representatives from local businesses, public schools, ministries, and volunteer organizations. The Career Fair provided Grace University students and alumni the opportunity to network with potential employers, strengthen communication skills, gain insight on interviewing, and overcome shyness from talking with new people!

2009 ART FESTIVAL

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

April 17:18
Alumni Tournament

April 26-27
Grace Athletics: Royals Days

May 1 | 7:30 PM
Masterworks Choral Concert (Haydn’s “Te Deum”) – Suckau Chapel

May 1 | 10:30 AM
Baccalaureate and Honors Chapel – Suckau Chapel

May 2 | 2:00pm
Commencement – Trinity Church

June 14
Masterworks Choral Concert (Haydn’s “Te Deum”) – New York City Carnegie Hall

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