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# calendar

## February

- 7-11 Creation Care Week
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- 17-19 & 24-26 Theatre Production –  
*The Cherry Orchard*
- 19 Basketball Alumni Reception

## March

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- 21-22 Colloquia Series – Dr. Terrence Roberts
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- 30 Scholarship Appreciation Dinner

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- 8 Annual MSOL Leadership Conference
- 9 Founders Day, Big Band Jazz Concert
- 14 J.G. Vos Memorial Lecture
- 20-24 Easter Break
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- 30 Symphonic Band Spring Concert

## May

- 6 End of spring semester
- 7 Commencement
- 18 Geneva College Henry Mancini  
Theatre Awards

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ON THE COVER: Senior running back Gerard Muschette  
in prayer on Reeves Field (story page 8).  
OPPOSITE PAGE: Geneva students serve the community  
through the Our Town program (story page 26).



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# from the president

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

The word “stewardship” usually brings the offering plate to mind but, though monetary giving is part of being a steward, true biblical stewardship goes far beyond our tithes and offerings. It permeates every aspect of our lives as we commit ourselves to serving the Lord. Nothing exists in the universe that we truly own: money, possessions, abilities, or time. Rather, God has provided these gifts through His generosity and entrusted us to manage all our resources for His glory.

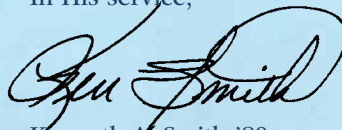
In recognizing our role as stewards, we must also recognize the great responsibility we have been given. Because all of creation originates from God, this responsibility is accompanied by accountability to the Lord. Our decisions will be judged by Him; therefore, we must allow Christ to work through us instead of being ruled by our own desires.

My hope is that students, alumni, faculty, and staff will continually find ways to use

their gifts according to God's desire. In this issue of *Geneva Magazine*, we share the stories of people who demonstrate true stewardship—like Joyce Bender '75, who found a way to use personal tragedy to help others with disabilities; nurse Connie Erwin, who uses her talent for healing to help not only the students of Geneva, but also the people of Haiti and central Brazil; fourth-generation missionary David Thompson '69, who built a hospital in West Africa; and the late Dr. David Carson, who shared his gifts of teaching, writing, and music with the students of Geneva College for decades.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 4:2, “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” It is my prayer that the stories of Geneva College and those impacted by the institution and its message presented here will serve as an inspiration to you in using your gifts faithfully.

In His service,



Kenneth A. Smith '80  
President



## Enrollment — Meeting Challenges and Answering Calls

With 412 students, this year's freshman class is the biggest in Geneva College history breaking the previous record of 394 students set in 2004. Geneva's enrollment staff has answered the call to increase enrollment by offering prospective students a faith-integrated and academically excellent education. And they have been able to bring forth these results during an economically challenging time.

A new vision was implemented for the three years leading up to the fall 2010 enrollment. The plan would be to increase the number of incoming freshman and therefore strengthen the institution to continue to educate students who would transform society for the kingdom of Christ. To accomplish this, the enrollment team revamped its recruiting, marketing and advertising strategies and intentionally incorporated the stories of alumni and students. Also, increasing campus visit events like Open House, STEM Day and Discovery Days gave prospective students more opportunities to experience Geneva first hand.

The cornerstone of Geneva's enrollment has been the individual contact with prospective students. "The admissions counselors and students talk personally with prospective students. They deserve the credit for anything that has happened," said Associate Vice President of Enrollment Dave Layton. There are student ambassadors, admissions counselors, tour guides, bed and breakfast hosts, and other students who are consistently connecting with students considering Geneva. Through these connections, the enrollment staff has been able to display the incredible community of Geneva College.

When students and parents are looking for a Christian education, they value authenticity and genuine people. "Many institutions offer a high-quality education, Geneva offers that real, deep, faith-integrated and academically challenging learning. Students leave here knowing that they are not just going to earn a paycheck. They are going to transform society," explained Layton. Through the individual contact provided by the enrollment staff, students have been able to realize what Geneva offers. And as the numbers show, that is what students are looking for.

in brief  
CAMPUS NEWS

BY MICAH YARGER '12

## Kudos

DR. JIM DITTMAR '76, program director of the Masters in Organizational Leadership, received Geneva's 2010 Excellence in Scholarship Award.

NANCY GRAHAM, purchasing director, was honored for her 40 years of dedicated service to Geneva College.

DR. ERIC MILLER, professor of history and humanities, published *Hope in a Scattering Time: A Life of Christopher Lasch* in the spring of 2010. The book has been receiving significant national attention with recent reviews in *The Weekly Standard* and *Commonweal*. He also co-edited a collection of essays titled *Confessing History: Christian Faith and the Historian's Vocation* (Notre Dame, IN; University of Notre Dame Press, 2010).

NANCY PELAIA, ROGER BLEVINS and RYAN HOLT (MAHE '08) received exemplary service awards at the 26th annual Geneva College Employee Recognition Dinner.

ANTHONY SADAR, adjunct professor of biology, published the article "Mini-Modeling Measurements" in the October, 2010 issue of *Pollution Engineering*. In addition, he has had numerous commentaries and book reviews on environmental issues published in *The Washington Times*.

Professor of psychology STEPHANIE (ALLISON '90, M.A. '92) SCHINDEL received Geneva's 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award.

DR. ANDREA J. SMIDT, assistant professor of history and humanities, presented the paper "El regalismo borbónico y la importación del galicanismo: El camino político hacia una religión estatal en la España del siglo XVIII" at an international colloquium on "Religion and Politics in the Portuguese World, from the 16th to the 19th centuries" in Salvador, Brazil. The English version of this paper "Bourbon Regalism and the Importation of Gallicanism: The Political Path for a State Religion in Eighteenth-Century Spain" was published in the *Anuario de Historia de la Iglesia*. In August, her chapter "Luces por la Fe: The Cause of Catholic Enlightenment in 18th-Century Spain" was published in *A Companion to The Catholic Enlightenment in Europe*.

## PR Students Take Initiative

Several students at Geneva College have taken the initiative to begin a Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter on campus. The purpose of the society is to "unify, strengthen and advance the profession of public relations." The local professional chapter is the Pittsburgh Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) which works closely with student chapters.

Brooke Farrel, acting treasurer, states, "I believe this chapter will help bring the PR concentration together to sharpen our skills as we enter the world of PR."

Acting President of the chapter, Serumun Ubwa (Sese), researched the PRSA as a project for her public relations class. She says, "The chapter is slowly coming together now and I can clearly see the horizon, so I'm very grateful to God. I'm also working with the best team I could ever ask for."

The students began by attending some local events to get an understanding of the PRSA and then demonstrated their initiative by arranging a seminar on social media with *Survivor* celebrity Ian Rosenberger. "By starting a PRSSA chapter we are leaving something behind for future PR students at Geneva. We are enriching our communications program and increasing the depth of our knowledge and experience in the field," explains Micah Yarger.

Jeff Schindel, instructor of public relations, says, "They have demonstrated servant-leadership as they work together to research, organize and implement an appropriate chapter structure for Geneva. I am looking forward to seeing their Christ-centered perspective of PR direct their chapter's activities."



(l-r) President: Sese Ubwa, Vice President: Micah Yarger, Treasurer: Brooke Farrel, Representatives: Monica Miller and Matt Marino, Advisor: Jeff Schindel, Secretary: Ji Yun Bae





## Pumpkin Bombs

When the Chemistry Club held its annual Pumpkin Explosion on the McKee lawn this fall students, faculty and friends gathered to witness squash get blown to smithereens—and to learn a little about chemical reactions.

Club president Sam Shouse explained the chemistry behind the blasts. “There are two reactions occurring at the same time in the pumpkin. There is an enzyme inside of the pumpkin that breaks hydrogen peroxide into oxygen gas. At the same time, calcium carbide is reacting with water to form acetylene gas.” An igniter was connected to the pumpkin and, after waiting a moment to allow the gases and pressure to build, a spark was applied causing an explosion.

Sometimes. “Chemistry is amazing, and every experiment won’t yield the perfect result on the first attempt (or the first three, in our case),” said Sam. “It is a trial-and-error process.” A build-up of too much acetylene gas caused black smoke to pour from a couple of the pumpkins while too little caused the top to pop off another.

Perseverance paid off, though, and the fourth (and largest) pumpkin was a huge success. The crowd was treated to a tremendous sound as the pumpkin blew apart and earned a round of applause for the Chemistry Club.

The Chemistry Club is open to any student who has taken at least one chemistry course and has a passion for chemistry. The group offers members the chance to learn about chemistry and how it impacts everyday life. Plus, as freshman chemical engineering major Charlie Noyes points out, “You get to blow things up without people yelling at you.”







6. 2010 Homecoming king and queen: Barnabas Pronnicki and Rebecca Faith



Into All the World  
October 9, 2010





3. Pittsburgh Taiko performs Japanese drumming



- 5 & 14 GC Marching and Alumni Bands.
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- 8, 9, 20 "It's a Small World" features face-painting, mini-golf and other family events.
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- 2, 10 25th Reunion, Class of '85.
- 4, 11, 13 Musical and cultural performers.



in motion

ATHLETIC NEWS

BY VAN ZANIC '93

# HALL OF FAMER ON AND OFF THE FIELD





# Slicing through opponents, Muschette leaves legacy of greatness

Over a four-year football career, there are sure to be moments of frustration and disappointment. Whether it is a heartbreaking defeat, a significant injury or even something as simple as a fumble, there is no such thing as a drama-free career. Or is there? Gerard Muschette arrived on Geneva's campus in the fall of 2007 without much fanfare. He was coming into a program that had just suffered only its third losing season in the long coaching tenure of Geno DeMarco '84. The Golden Tornadoes were looking for a spark and they ended-up finding one from Lusby, Maryland.

The Gerard Muschette story begins in his senior year at Lusby High School. As it turned out, Muschette's high school coach, Mark Watson, had played football at Ringgold High School in Pittsburgh alongside Geneva graduate Adam Smith '02. Because of that connection, Muschette decided to take a look at Geneva College despite having several other offers on the table. "Gerard was really impressed with our Business Department," said Head Coach Geno DeMarco. "We knew what kind of talent he had and were just very hopeful that he would come our way." Muschette did come our way and began his football career on College Hill.

"When we started camp, we had him playing wingback," explained DeMarco. "Injuries caused us to make a change and the rest is history." Muschette took advantage of his opportunity in that freshman season and finished the year with 334 yards on just 72 carries. It was in his sophomore season that his numbers started to skyrocket. Carrying just 117 times in his sophomore campaign, Muschette finished the year with 719 yards. "We have always liked using multiple running backs," said DeMarco. "For the first three years of his career, we didn't really have a featured back, which makes his accomplishments even more impressive." Rushing for 1,183 yards in his junior year, the all-time rushing record still seemed far-fetched, based on what he would have to do in his final year.

Starting his senior season with 2,236 yards, the likes of all-time rushing leader Melvin Cobbs were not even a consideration for Muschette. As he continued to move up the list throughout the 2010 season, Muschette was still not ready to talk about breaking the all-time mark. "All I want to do is win football games," said Muschette. "Records are a nice thing for other people to talk about, but for this team we are only concerned with playing for each other and playing for God."

With two games remaining on the schedule, Muschette still needed 410 yards to break Melvin Cobb's record of 3,808 yards. After one half of football at Thiel College, Muschette had 52 yards and Geneva trailed the winless Tomcats 6-0. "It was time to get back to Geneva football," said DeMarco. "We were going to give the ball to our bread and butter and see where he could take us." Where he took Geneva was to the winner's circle with a second half performance for the ages. Muschette scored four touchdowns and rushed for 250 yards in the second half alone as he broke the school's single-game rushing mark with 302 yards in a 34-20 victory over Thiel. Setting the stage for the season finale, Muschette and his teammates were set to meet archrival Westminster needing 109 yards to surpass the all-time record.

With Melvin Cobbs on the sideline, along with previous record holder Willie Murray, Muschette was primed to put his name at the top of the rushing list. Early in the fourth quarter, Muschette rambled 12 yards to break the record, but his work was far from over. Looking for a victory in his final game for the Golden Tornadoes, Muschette had one more trick up his sleeve. In the third overtime in one of the most memorable games between Geneva and Westminster, Muschette took a hand-off from fellow senior David Girardi. Swerving his way into the end zone, the storybook career had finally come to a close with Muschette scoring his school record 45th career touchdown on the final carry of his career to defeat Westminster.

"I only wish I could've watched that game as a fan," said DeMarco. "It was tough to go through it as a coach, but it ended exactly the way we would want it to for Gerard and for our football program." Muschette's trip to the top was complete. He had gone from an unknown freshman to the school's all-time leading rusher. As humble as humble could be, Muschette continued to praise his teammates and the Lord following his incredible accomplishments.

"This is a team record," said Muschette. "Without the other guys on the field and in that locker room, this doesn't happen. I have been so blessed at Geneva to have worked with these players and coaches. It has been a dream come true."

It took only three words for Muschette to sum up his four-year career at Geneva College. When asked his feelings about breaking the all-time rushing record, the all-time touchdown record and scoring the game winning touchdown on his final carry, he simply said "God is good."

And oh, by the way, so is

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# JUSTICE FOR ALL

**O**n a winter's night in 1985, the life of Joyce Bender '75 changed forever. She walked into a movie theater only to be carried out on a stretcher after a violent seizure left her broken and unconscious.

Before she became CEO of Bender Consulting Services, before she became chair of the national Epilepsy Foundation board, before her voice became the voice of the oppressed in her radio show "Disability Matters," she lay comatose in the back of a speeding ambulance on her way to an emergency brain surgery that had a high probability of taking her life.

Surgery didn't take her life, but instead gave her a new life as a woman with epilepsy, partial hearing loss, and the goal of helping others living with disabilities.

New changes brought new battles for this Geneva graduate - battles that are still being fought.

In 1990, former President H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure equal opportunities and accessibility for people with disabilities. It was a day for breaking barriers, a day for shattering old definitions that labeled "disability" as "inability."

But 20 years later - with about 13 million Americans with disabilities still without work - it remains a day of promises unfulfilled.

"We must realize this is a civil rights issue," Joyce says. "It's not right that people with disabilities should be left out of equality...it should be justice for all, justice for everyone."

Justice as Americans, as human beings and, most importantly, as image bearers of Christ.

"Man looks on the outward appearance. God looks on the heart," Joyce says, quoting I Samuel 16:7. "That could be my whole company. That's what the whole thing is."



Joyce founded Bender Consulting Services in 1995; a for-profit company that helps people with disabilities obtain competitive employment in areas like information technology, financing, accounting and human resources in major corporations like Highmark, Bayer, and JP Morgan Chase. Based in Pittsburgh, Bender Consulting Services has since expanded to 19 different states and, in 2001, to Canada.

But Joyce makes one thing clear. "No pity. I don't want people to think of this as a charity," she says.

People with disabilities don't need pity, they need paychecks. They don't need charity, they need opportunity. The biggest barriers in the job market for people with disabilities are not physical, but attitudinal.

"People have more of a tendency to feel sorry for people with disabilities and to pity them, but not hire them, and that's because they view them as inferior to do the job," she says.

But Bender Consulting Services is proof to the contrary. Joyce continues to prove that people with disabilities are not only capable of work, but are often superior in their performance. Her company, staffed almost entirely by people with disabilities, is a shining example with a 90% success rate over the past 15 years.

Joyce's passion for service was kindled during her studies as a psychology major at Geneva College, where the Christian commitment and high academic standards prepared her for a future as an entrepreneur. It also taught her the importance of stewardship—using her God-given abilities to give back to the Lord and others.

"Geneva did teach me how important giving back was and how important it was to have a leadership style of servitude," she says.

Geneva is even teaming with Joyce to support community initiatives like the Bender Lead On Team, an effort to empower high school and college students with disabilities by training them to be leaders.

To raise further awareness about key issues and to inspire the lives of people with disabilities, she began hosting "Disability Matters with Joyce Bender," an online radio-show on VoiceAmerica.

"I am determined to talk about this because I want to increase employment and because I want people to realize how important they are...and empower them," she says.

Joyce has received countless awards and accolades for her enduring work with people with disabilities, including a 1999 President's Award – the highest honor given to any one American – from President Clinton, and a New Freedom Initiative award from the Bush Administration in 2003. Although she's grateful, acclaim does not equal progress.


"You can give me awards forever but until you are actually employing people with significant disabilities, I'm not making progress," she says.

The federal government gave Joyce more than an award this year. She also received a renewed promise. President Obama commemorated the 20th anniversary of the ADA on July 26, 2010 by signing an executive order requiring the government to hire approximately 100,000 Americans with disabilities over the next five years.

Bender Consulting Services was even selected to work with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to help staff a database of Americans with disabilities.

The world is much different for people with disabilities since Joyce was carried onto that ambulance in 1985. Buildings are more accessible, streets are easier to navigate, and – finally – freedom is becoming more than a hope.

Joyce can't imagine how different her own life would be if it weren't for her accident, but she knows one thing for sure.

"I can tell you this: it wouldn't compare to this crusade I'm on." 

**"Disability Matters with  
Joyce Bender" airs every  
Tuesday at 2 P.M. EST  
on VoiceAmerica.  
[www.voiceamerica.com](http://www.voiceamerica.com)**

# OPEN DOORS

**G**od offers His direction in many different ways—through His Word, wise counsel of fellow believers or the conviction of the Holy Spirit. For Kathy (McMillan '72) Dennis, in the context of her career, God provides gentle guidance: “God gave me talents, skills, abilities and a heart to listen, and then opens doors. How my heart responds helps me make decisions about what God wants me to do.”

The doors that God opened have recently led Kathy to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, but the journey began at Geneva College. Her father, Willard McMillan '47, was the chair of the Bible department at Geneva and Kathy grew up as part of the campus community, eventually enrolling as a student. Following graduation, she served the college first as director of financial aid, then director of planned giving and, finally, director of development. “I began by handing money out, and then changed to taking money in,” she says with a laugh.

God has used these experiences to create further opportunities for Kathy. She took a job at James Madison University and used her expertise in development to build a major gifts program. Then, when her family relocated to Arizona, a door opened at Scottsdale HealthCare where she helped to develop

a program engaging grateful patients and others in raising funds for a new hospital.

After spending five-and-a-half years in Scottsdale, Kathy went to the University of Kentucky where she was told they had “a position that would fit perfectly” because of her experience in grateful patient fundraising. In 2008 she was hired as director of development, hospitals and clinics. Kathy focuses on engaging former patients who are thankful for the quality care they have received and are blessed with the means to make significant donations. She recalls the business owner who committed \$3 million in support of the new hospital because he sees the immeasurable value of this facility in providing care to the people of Kentucky. In giving back, these donors impact the lives of countless others. “Their gifts support all patients – rich, poor or in between,” says Kathy.

Her current projects include raising funds to build a new hospital and to support academic and clinical practices, as well as ongoing research. In July 2010, the first phase of the new hospital was completed and the next phase is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011.




Because Kathy interacts with donors of many different cultures and faiths, she has a unique perspective on the way God uses us all. "It is interesting to me that wealthy donors have a sense of needing to give back what they've been given. Even donors who are not Christian recognize that what they have is not because of something they possess or their talents; it's not of their own effort."

A donor who had made his fortune during the dot-com era expressed this feeling to Kathy. The young man had heeded some wise advice to place his money in safer investments and when the technology market collapsed, he witnessed the fortunes of many of his colleagues disappear while his remained. He told Kathy, "You know, a lot of my friends started companies and failed while I've succeeded. I'm not smarter than they are, or more able. Since I don't deserve all of this, I feel like I need to give back."

Because she has maintained an open heart and looks for the open doors, Kathy finds herself in a position

where her gifts can be used to help people like this young man share theirs. "I'm acting as an agent and steward and representative of Christ by the way I steward myself, through my actions, while helping others with their desire to give back."

And through it all, Kathy has preserved a connection with Geneva and found her own way to give, serving on the board of trustees as the chair of the advancement committee. "It's a good way for me to maintain a relationship with Geneva. Though it can be a challenge to balance work and personal time and still find time to volunteer, I'm glad that I'm able to offer my expertise and help as an advisor."

Through her career, her message and her very life, Kathy demonstrates the value and power of stewardship. This is a lesson those around her continue to learn as she opens doors and walks through them on behalf of her Lord and Savior. 



God gave me  
talents, skills,  
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**HOW MY  
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about what God  
wants me to do.**

# THE TORNADO TOWEL



**A**s a student at Geneva, I was one of those who constantly belly-ached about the fact that much of the campus was off-limits on the Sabbath. I was irritated by not being able to work on Sunday and irked by finding my opportunities for study “limited” by campus policies that I felt to be restrictive. Not only that, but my roommates had to hear me carp about the “chapel cards” that were ubiquitous in the late '70s and early '80s.

Now, ironically, I find myself as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) who frequently asks his congregation to let the Sabbath be the Sabbath by refraining from commerce and stepping away from vocation and “utility” one day a week. My appreciation for the value of rest and God-focused attention on the Lord’s Day grew immensely when our congregation received a 2009 Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Endowments. This program, which for a decade has invited clergy and congregations to pursue intentional seasons of reflection and renewal, offers ministers a chance to take a break from their daily obligations to gain the fresh perspective and renewed energy that a carefully considered “Sabbath time” of travel, study, rest and prayer can provide.

Ever since my days at Geneva, I’ve been a strong advocate for wise stewardship of God’s resources and the experience of this Sabbatical reinforced the importance of being a good steward of my self, my gifts, and my time.

...taking the towel along also allowed me the

**OPPORTUNITY**  
to bring a wealth of

**GENEVA**  
**MEMORIES**



# ON SABBATICAL




My three-month experience, “The Fisherman’s Jubilee,” was a timely celebration for my family and community. In 2010 my wife and I celebrated our fiftieth birthdays, our only child graduated from college, and I observed the twentieth anniversary of my ordination to the pastorate.

With the backing of the Endowments and the support of my congregation and family, I experienced the trip(s) of a lifetime. In July, my wife, daughter, and I traveled to South America, where we visited with an American Field Service (AFS) “daughter” in Chile, and I was able to fish and walk the streams of the Andes. We also spent a week in the Amazon basin of Peru and hiked through Machu Picchu. August meant a return to Pennsylvania and three glorious weeks on a houseboat in Raystown Lake, which gave us a chance to host family and friends for boat rides, long evening conversations, and early morning fishing trips. When we weren’t with loved ones, we had the companionship of the bald eagles, osprey, mink, deer and the One who holds it all together. In September, my daughter joined me for a month-long tour of Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. What an amazing opportunity to see the places that have shaped my life – to sit in the “Moses seat” in the synagogue in Korazin, to wander the cliffs of “the other side” in the region of the Gedarenes, to see mud bricks in Egypt that are thousands of years old, to go fishing in the Sahara Desert, and so much more!

While the packing list for my journeys was short, I did find room in my backpack for the “Traveling Tornado Towel.”

To be honest, I thought it would be worth a few laughs and some funny pictures. As a glance at the alumni pages on the Geneva website will prove, that assessment was accurate. However, taking the towel along also allowed me the opportunity to bring a wealth of Geneva memories (which fit in the backpack very well!). The voices of Willard McMillan ’47 and Betty Douglas and Howard Mattsson-Bozé and Ann Paton ’50 formed a “Greek Chorus” as I prayed through the intersection of scripture and my travel experiences. When visiting the library in Alexandria, Egypt, I re-lived sitting in the living room at Young Hall watching the horrific assassination of Anwar Sadat in October of 1981. In short, the experience was a true gift as it allowed me to reflect on my life-changing experience at Geneva thus far and to contemplate the person God may be calling me to be in the years I have remaining.

So thanks, Geneva...for a fundamental commitment to Christian education...for setting me on some paths of discipleship that have borne great fruit over the years... and for helping me to develop a world view that allows me to grow and change over the years. And thanks to the congregation I serve, and to the Lilly Endowments, for reminding me to see myself, my energy, and my time as resources that merit the careful attention of wise stewardship – not just on a “once-in-a-lifetime” trip like this, but every day, every week. 



BY JENNY (BOWER '05) PICHURA AND JOSHUA HOEY '09

# MORE THAN \$ AND CENTS



**M**ost of us know what it's like to lie awake at night with money on our minds. Money matters, and it can cause division in marriages, families, friendships and business relationships. But although finances are often a major source of stress, they can also be a source of great freedom and blessing. This is a dream that Kevin Flick '04 helps his clients turn into reality.

A financial advisor and sales manager at MetLife, Kevin guides individuals and businesses through the maze of insurance, investment, retirement and more.

"We find out where they want to go financially, and then we sit down with them and help them figure out how to get there," he says.

For Kevin, money is more than a means to a comfortable retirement or a new boat—it's a daily manifestation of God's grace and provision. He sees his own job as a gift from God, enabling him to provide for his wife and two young children. As an added bonus, he gets to spend every day helping others manage their resources in order to take care of their families.

"I think it's one of the best jobs in the world," Kevin says.

Another enjoyable aspect of his job is that he gets to work alongside his father, Dan, and his grandfather, Don, who opened the Chippewa, Pa. office over 50 years ago. Needless to say, Kevin grew up with a thorough knowledge of financial management.

"I was five when my dad gave me my first investment lesson," he says. "I think I had the most complicated allowance possible. When you're a kid you resent it, but it's one of those lessons that has continued with me through life."

While Kevin was fiscally savvy at an early age, he never thought he would be joining the family business one day. "If you had asked me at the time, I would have said that I was way too cool to do what my dad did," he smiles.

But after Kevin became a father himself, he had a different perspective. He and his wife, Libby (Lichius '00), had their first child in 2001, and Kevin took a position at MetLife, mainly to pay the bills. He later left the company to work as an advisor at a local bank, but God led him back to MetLife in 2006. Kevin was hired as a financial advisor, and this

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time, he knew he had found his niche. Now, after four years in the field, he goes to work every day thankful for a job that is both personally and professionally fulfilling.


Kevin is also grateful for the Geneva College education that built the academic and spiritual foundation for his career. It was while earning his bachelor's in human resources management that he developed an understanding of biblical stewardship regarding resources, finances, abilities, opportunities and much more. These principles have stayed with him throughout the years and play an essential role in his discussions with clients.

"Whether it was Bible with Brad Frey '73 or finance with Dan Raver '78, it was without any doubt that my courses were taught from a Biblical perspective and, in turn, taught me to be a steward of the gifts and talents that God has blessed me with, no matter what I am doing – work, sports, parenting, church and more."

Like his father and grandfather, Kevin doesn't make his faith a secret. In fact, one of the first things you'll find on the Flicks' website is that they strive to be true to Jesus Christ in all aspects of their lives and to give God credit for their success.

"I try to make sure that people are aware of and taking care of what God has given them, and because I don't hide that, people will ask me faith-related questions," he says.

In addition to working with individuals, Kevin finds deep satisfaction in supporting worthy causes like Christian education.

"Without the support of individuals and private corporations, the good things that Geneva does are not possible. That is why I send my children to Christian school now and will encourage them to further their education at Geneva." 



**A**lan "Punkin"

Rose '87 had just one thing on his mind when he graduated from New Brighton High School in 1979: football.

When he set foot on Geneva College's campus, he didn't have dreams of becoming a teacher, a mentor, a businessman, or an activist; he wasn't thinking about becoming a Christian. His foundation was the turf at his feet, and his only goals were at the end of the field.

Three decades later, Alan sits at his desk in Charleston, South Carolina as co-founder of Carolina Autism, a non-profit organization that helps children and adults with autism find housing and, more importantly, find a better quality of life. "None of this could be possible without Geneva...because it changed my whole state of mind...looking at life and looking at Christianity," he says.

Alan, an education major, credits his professors and coaches for fostering his budding faith by "showing what Christians are all about," and inspiring an attitude of service that is at the core of Carolina Autism. "You know, it's very important to me to give something back. That's the most important thing about life, what have you done to improve the life of somebody else," he says.

Alan only knew the basics of autism – a complex developmental disability impacting both social and communication skills – when he relocated to South Carolina to work as a counselor and unit director for adults with special needs. It was nearly a decade before autism would cross Alan's path in a big way.

"I had a young man who was autistic and he was just so different from everybody else," Alan remembers. Alan was touched by Paul's struggles with autism – a condition that set him apart from the 14 other men in the facility – and knew a non-institutional setting would help him flourish.

He was determined to help his friend find the right home in a community residence instead of an institution. Little did he know he would find himself a new job, and a new purpose, when the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs offered him a position in its autism division.

"It was fascinating, and I thought it would be a new challenge," he says. It also gave him a heart for autism that couldn't be contained at the department for long.

Many children and adults with autism were still left without homes, without families, without hope. Alan and his colleague Phil Blevins knew they had to take action by starting their own company, a place that would provide not just a house, but a home. "We just had a vision to do this thing on our own and not turn any kids down," Alan says.

It was a tough birth for Carolina Autism, but Alan credits his wife Stephanie for giving him the encouragement and support he needed to fulfill his calling of providing a home to people with autism, even when it meant mortgaging their own home to start the company. With some office space and a few computers, Carolina Autism was open for business in 2001.

Now with six group homes, Carolina Autism continues to grow. In addition to an office in Charleston, there are also satellite offices in Columbia and Myrtle Beach offering residential, consulting and behavioral services to approximately 75 children statewide.

"We're pretty good, so they always come to us," Alan laughs.

They're so good, in fact, that even Hollywood took notice. Director Lasse Hallstrom contacted Carolina Autism to find a young actor for his film *Dear John*. Seven-year-old Braeden Reed proved that no one could play a child with autism better than an autistic child. Braeden was one of a number of boys Carolina Autism sent to audition, but his natural charm and spontaneity coupled with perseverance and fearlessness made him a perfect fit for the role.

"He went and just blew those people away," Alan says with a note of pride in his voice, remembering when Braeden first came to Carolina Autism as a non-verbal 3-year-old with a long road of behavioral therapy ahead of him.

*Dear John* debuted on January 24, 2010 with a star-studded premiere and fundraiser in Charleston with all proceeds benefiting Carolina Autism. But Alan and his staff aren't blinded by the bright lights of Hollywood. "All that's great but the bottom line is the kids we serve," Alan says.





For Alan, the children are not just students, they're friends he affectionately calls "my guys," and they deserve everything that life has to offer, a life that isn't only defined by autism. The children enjoy horseback riding along Charleston's sandy beaches, swimming in the ocean, teaming up to play sports and going to the movies. When the weather turns cold, Carolina Autism houses warm up with twinkling lights and Christmas trees and presents – a special touch for those who struggle without families.

"A lot of kids don't have any parents present in their lives, mainly because of their autism, and that's something they didn't ask for," Alan says. "I just felt driven to improve their lives...as they improve mine."

As his own children grow up, Alan hopes to impart these same faith lessons of compassion and stewardship by teaching them

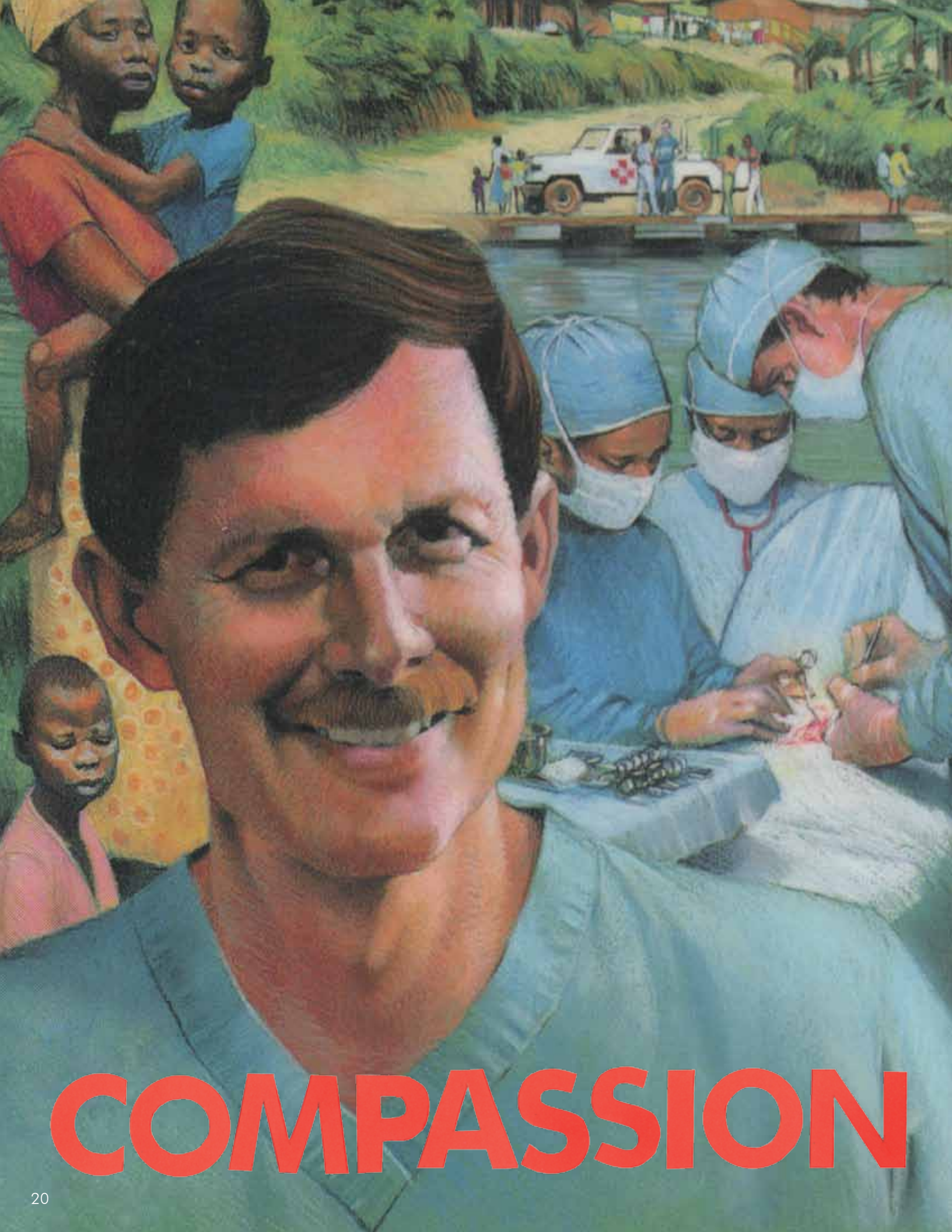
to keep their priorities in check. His son Matthew is following in his footsteps as a football player at Geneva College, while his daughter Taylor is finishing high school in South Carolina. He returns to the Geneva campus often and serves on the Board of Trustees.

A Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame plaque, dedicated to Geneva College's star football player in 1983, still hangs near Alan's desk at Carolina Autism along with awards from the South Carolina Autism Society for his dedication and professionalism.

But now his success is measured by more than yards on a football field. "Unlike other people, my measure of success is based on happiness," he says.

Happiness only. 





**COMPASSION**



**M**edical students often endure the rigors and length of their education by entertaining visions of a BMW in the driveway of a well-appointed home in a gated community. The reality for David Thompson '69, though, is light years away from the wealth and status enjoyed by most surgeons because he resisted the worldly pressure to make money and reputation his top priority.

Living out his principles cost David dearly – as it did his missionary parents. He is the fourth generation of his family to serve on the mission field. David vividly recalls the day he heard the irresistible call of God on his life at the age of 14. He and his father were traveling on a potholed road in a remote region of Cambodia when, suddenly, they came upon the wreckage of a truck and a bus that had collided head-on and stopped to see if they could help. The bus driver was severely injured, but there were no ambulances or hospital nearby. The man was going to die without medical treatment, so David's father did what he could to convince him to trust Jesus Christ. The man only gasped "Please, don't talk to me now about your God! Just help me not to die!" Feeling utterly helpless, David thought that if only they could have helped the man, perhaps he would have received Christ. By the time they reached the city, David had made a promise to God that he would become a missionary doctor.

His journey through college, medical school, internship and residency and on to the mission field is a story that confirms the power of the Lord to overcome the impossible. In David's book *On Call*, he describes the day he registered for classes at Geneva. He was so naïve about college life that he arrived with less than one-fourth of the necessary tuition and living expenses for one year. In the Business Office, the dean asked him how he planned to pay his bill. When David answered that he was trusting God to provide, the dean ordered him

Finally, all of you, be like-minded,  
be sympathetic, love one another,  
be compassionate and humble.  
I Peter 3:8

to report to his office later in the week. David knew he couldn't take out loans and be burdened with debt he could not repay working as a missionary so to meet living expenses, he sought work around campus. Cleaning bathrooms in the men's dorm paid \$1 an hour, but he became so good at it that he finished in one hour. He took in ironing for 25 cents a shirt and typing for 15 cents a page and also added odd construction jobs. By the time he had to meet the dean, his earnings still added only \$150 to his original sum.

When the dean's summons finally came, David's heart sank. However, he remembered his mother saying that if God had really called him to be a missionary doctor, He would make the way clear. Thus began a pattern of God's provision for David's life and David's trusting in God's faithfulness. The dean was able to secure financial aid for each of David's years at Geneva and David was provided with the solid foundation upon which to build a remarkable medical and missions career.

The years of preparation, however, brought both joy and tragedy. On a cold February morning in 1968, during David's second year at Geneva, a student rushed into the cafeteria to tell him to go directly to the dean's office; he had an urgent long distance phone call. It was the headquarters of his parents' mission with the tragic news that both of David's parents had been brutally killed in South Vietnam. The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army

# ON CALL

BY ANN BURKHEAD '91

*Illustration by Karl Foster  
from Dr. Thompson's On Call.*

had launched a wave of stunning attacks on the South Vietnamese and their U.S. allies, striking more than 100 towns and cities. Missionaries were not spared. One lone survivor of the attack on their mission compound was left to tell the story.

David was devastated. His heart swelled with rage at God as he questioned why his parents had escaped harm so many times before only to be mowed down now when they were at the peak of their effectiveness. As he sobbed, he heard God ask him “Do you trust me?” What was a young Christian man dedicated to the mission field, a son and grandson of missionaries, to say to God? Reluctantly, David prayed and continued to listen to God’s voice asking him to give thanks as an expression of his trust in and submission to Christ. A painful internal struggle ensued before David finally surrendered. He acknowledged that he didn’t have to understand God’s will in order to accept it. And then peace descended and remained.

Not long after his acceptance to medical school, David was reacquainted with another missionary kid who was studying in New York. Becki Mitchell had also attended Dalat School in Malaysia. Her father was the director of a leprosy hospital in Vietnam. One terrifying night in 1962, the Viet Cong raided the hospital compound and kidnapped Mr. Mitchell and two other missionaries, marching them into the jungle. They were never seen again.

David and Becki not only shared an interest in medicine and in missions; they also shared the deep pain of the loss of parents who had dedicated their lives to serving God. They understood each other’s struggles. They both looked to Proverbs 3:5: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” They were married in 1971.

As young Christians, David and Becki realized what their gifts were, and this allowed them to prepare well for the significant and complex nature of their work. Although the path to reach their goals was filled with difficulties, they agreed that their desire was to follow where God would lead. After Becki completed nursing school and David became an MD, they applied to their denomination’s mission organization. They were sure they would be sent to a location in Southeast Asia where they both felt at home, but the doors closed one by one – in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Irian Jaya. Instead, David and Becki were sent to Bongolo, Gabon in West Africa.

The dispensary where they were assigned consisted of a small building surrounded by acres of knee-high grass. Inside were a few odd tables, cabinets made of old crates, and a trunk full of medicines and a few supplies. The only way to cross the river to reach the building was on a hand-pulled ferry. Their first years were spent learning the local dialect, overcoming unfathomable political obstacles, chasing goats away from the dispensary, repairing old donated medical equipment, keeping the roads passable with a grader and digging latrines, while at the same time treating 50 patients a day.

Now, 34 years later, the Bongolo Evangelical Hospital is a full-service 148-bed teaching hospital. Local men and women are trained to become nurses, and the hospital has trained and graduated African surgeons from Angola, Madagascar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Guinea. When they started, the missionary team provided 90% of the medical care; today, they provide less than 10%. Before they arrived, two of five children died before the age of five from disease but today, the population of children in the local towns and villages has jumped from 10% to 40%. Most importantly, patients are introduced to the Great Physician and lives are changed. They look forward to helping the African churches take the Gospel into regions of North Africa.


This work has been costly to the Thompson family. They have long been separated from family members and are missing significant times in the lives of their grandchildren. Yet, they have had richly rewarding lives. The Thompsons have done an extraordinary work in Gabon. Yet, God did not give them any extra tools, body parts, or brains. They are ordinary people used by God in an extraordinary way. 



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*Dr. Thompson with a young patient at Bongolo Hospital.*





*Debra Germany at the Kutz Hair Barber Shop, a Hill District community center. Her mentee, Brian Hancock, is cutting the hair of a local resident.*

BY MICAH YARGER '12

# BUILDING

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### Second Chances

Debra Germany, a student in Geneva College's Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program (MSOL), is executive director of Divine Intervention Ministries (DIM). She is living out the leadership skills she's learning in the classroom. As executive director, Debra is partnering with the Pennsylvania Prison Society on a new initiative, Building Bridges-Second Chances. "Our goal is to help these young men while in prison, so when they are released, they can come to our office and DIM provides after-care services," she said.

DIM is devoted to helping these individuals begin on a new path through the power of faith in God. The intent is to reduce the number of repeat offenders. This is a cause that many groups are eager to support. Churches, antiviolence groups, offender advocates and the community have all agreed that getting ex-convicts onto a good path in life is better than leaving them to commit a second crime. Building Bridges-Second Chances provides a way for recovering inmates to receive guidance, mentorship and other resources when they have difficulty adjusting to a new life.

"Debra Germany's initiative is about stopping the revolving doors of repeat offenders. Pittsburgh police Chief Nate Harper praised the new initiative when he said, 'This is about guiding these men after prison. We don't have to keep locking them up if we show them the right way,' he said. 'With these good people of faith here, today is about stopping that revolving door.'" (The Pittsburgh Courier, November 3, 2010)

"The Rev. Glen G. Grayson, a church leader who supports the program wants to help give inmates a second chance, even the man standing trial for killing his son. Rev. Grayson said, 'If [God] can give us a second chance, everyone deserves a second chance.'" (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, October, 30, 2010)

"The Building Bridges-Second Chances initiative is being supported by a wide range of people. The Pittsburgh Tribune Review reported, 'Pastors from Pittsburgh churches gathered with city Police Chief Nate Harper, prison officials and community members Friday in the Hill District to announce the creation of Building Bridges-Second Chances Initiative.'" (The Pittsburgh Tribune Review, October 30, 2010)




BY GREG WISE '95

# A PATTERN GIVING OF

"EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT





When most college students graduate, their thoughts are usually of the paychecks they'll be bringing home as they embark on their life's work. After years of paying tuition, buying books and supplies, studying hard and writing numerous papers, the point where all the struggle and hard work pays off is finally reached. Now comes the time to enjoy the fruits of all that labor.

When Samuel Dittmar graduated in 1972, though, his thoughts were of giving back. "I made a personal commitment that when I started work, a percentage of my income would go to support Christian education." After completing graduate school and earning a master's in mathematics from Bucknell University, Sam began fulfilling his commitment as soon as he entered the workforce. From the time he started working at Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, to his time at LTV Steel, to his current position as a telecom data analyst for Progressive Insurance, Sam has faithfully and consistently contributed to Geneva for nearly 30 years.


This spirit of giving didn't happen overnight or by chance, either. The habit of showing gratitude to God through faithful giving was instilled in Sam at an early age by his mother and father, a pastor for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. "Tithing is a part of Christian life and, ever since I was a kid receiving an allowance, there's been a pattern for giving."

Sam describes the positive experience he had at Geneva: "As I've grown older, I look at Geneva as the first step in broadening my perspective of what Christian faith looks like. It has helped me in understanding the full expression of scripture."

And his connection to the school has only been strengthened through his family. One brother, John, is a Geneva alum and another, James, is the chair for the department of leadership studies. His sister-in-law, Rebecca, is the assistant athletic director and compliance officer.

When it comes to giving, Sam hopes his example will inspire other alumni to think differently about the ways they can contribute. It's important to realize that everyone can make an impact, even if they aren't able to make sizable donations or endowments. "There's no magic number," he says. A great deal can be accomplished through consistent, long-term gifts of a percentage of income, too.

"The primary thing is that the education I received at Geneva enabled me to have the skills to find work and make money," says Sam. "I owe the college something in return and I'm thankful that I've been able to do that." Geneva is grateful to the many donors, like Sam, who help complete the pattern and make it possible to provide a quality, Christian education which, through our students, continues to change the world for Christ.

The generosity of people like Sam Dittmar makes it possible for Geneva to continue to offer a high quality, Christian education. Every gift received benefits Geneva students and supports the mission of transforming society for Christ. For those who appreciate a Geneva education and are inspired to give back, as Sam has, contact the Institutional Advancement office of Geneva College at 724.847.6514. 



IF YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE,  
DO NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION  
FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



**T**hroughout their time at Geneva College, students will often hear about the need to serve others in Christian love. Geneva gives students numerous opportunities to use their skills, abilities and time in service to others. OurTown is one of these opportunities for serving people in need.

OurTown is a program that introduces students to the communities outside of Geneva through service. It is organized by the Geneva College Student Union (GCSU) with some involvement from The Center for Faith and Practice. OurTown happens once each semester and is open to all students. Most groups sign up prior to the event but many students simply show up at the last minute and participate.

The day begins on a Saturday morning around 9 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts at Skye Lounge. The students take time to pray and then split into their respective groups. A common misconception is that OurTown

is just a bunch of students cleaning up one area; however, the participating students divide into parties based on where they wish to serve. They drive to their individual sites, work for about three hours, and in the afternoon they return to the grill area outside of Clarke for a cookout.


This fall OurTown was quite a success, according to Assistant Director of the Center of Faith and Practice Missy Davis. Davis helps out by recommending possible service sites. Approximately 100 students came out to serve their community, and a number of dorms and clubs organized groups of people to sign up for the event.

Brian Jensen, the Resident Director of Geneva Arms Men's Apartments, gathered a group of students from the on-campus houses and apartments to rake leaves for several elderly residents of College Hill and the 37th Street, or "Sheetz," Park.



"I love it when groups sign up for Our Town together," said Gwen Ward, president of the GCSU. "The program not only fosters community among the people of Beaver Falls, but also among the members of the group who are serving together."

A variety of sites and organizations were served by Geneva students during this year's event. While one group helped at Beaver County Christian School, another served breakfast at First Baptist Church. With the help of Habitat for Humanity, several other students helped to restore a house. Tiger Pause, a program designed to make a difference in the lives of the youth in Beaver Falls, acquired help from students in the demolition of a house. A clean-up for Pine Valley Bible Camp, which was devastated by a fire during the summer, was organized by another group of students.

The main hope of Our Town is to make students aware of the capacities in which they can serve others. Missy Davis explained, "We believe that the students have much to learn from the broader community. Our Town provides an opportunity for students to think about what it means to be a servant-leader and to ask questions about why service is an important part of their experience at Geneva College." 



# in service OUR PEOPLE

BY JENNY (BOWER '05) PICHURA

"SO IS MY WORD

THAT GOES OUT FROM MY MOUTH:

IT WILL  
NOT

RETURN TO ME EMPTY, BUT WILL

ACCOMPLISH WHAT  
I DESIRE AND ACHIEVE

THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH I SENT IT."

ISAIAH 55:11



When Nurse Connie Erwin sees a patient, she cares about the spiritual, not just the physical, well-being of that person. This has been her calling since she became the campus nurse at Geneva College in 1990, and it's also one that has led her around the world.

Following the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in January 2010, Connie worked with a mission organization called FAME to bring medical aid and the gospel message to that nation's rural mountain villages. Connie traveled on a second—radically different—medical mission in August. She and her husband joined the Central Brazil Mission on a 10-day journey down the Amazon in Brazil.

"We left from a port in Manaus," Connie says. "We boarded this little riverboat and traveled 16 hours along the Amazon before we came to our first stop. We would pull up to the village, the captain would toot the horn, and that would tell the village people we were there."

While Connie prescribed medications and multivitamins, a dentist on their team pulled teeth on the upper deck and a vet went ashore to de-worm the village cats and dogs. Aside from numerous parasites and decaying teeth, the people living along the Amazon were fairly healthy. But there were exceptions—exceptions that made Connie wonder if their efforts were really making a difference in the long term.

"I saw one 13-month-old was bruised all across her back and legs and behind, and marked with a perfect hand-print, so I knew she had been hit," she says. "I finally looked over at my interpreter, and he said, 'I know what you're thinking, but there's no protection out here for these children.' That was the one thing that made me think, how much am I changing?"



But with each bandage and encouraging word she gave, Connie knew God was using her to bring more than physical relief. "I have always been interested in doing humanitarian work, but if you don't take them the gospel message, you've maybe helped them temporarily but not for eternity," she says.

Focused on discipleship, Central Brazil Mission trains local converts to serve as missionaries in their own villages, and as a result, there are now approximately 25 established churches along the Amazon. Twenty-four people on Connie's trip expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus. Compared to the number of people the team cared for, that may not seem like a significant number, but the gospel isn't limited by statistics.

"One of those people might have been a mom with eight children. She's going to learn, and she's going to teach her children, who are then going to teach their own families," Connie says. "Can you see how far-reaching that is?"

Connie applies the same principle to her work at Geneva. She and a team of student leaders organize dozens of Christ-focused programs on nutrition, sexuality, mental health, fitness and much more. Some are well-attended and some aren't, but Connie encourages her team members to give each program their best and see what God does with it.

"I've told my student leaders that if you put the time and the effort into a good program and only five students come, those five will be impacted and maybe they'll impact people outside of that," she says. "You touch one life, and it doesn't end with that one life."



# CONNIE ERWIN

# class notes

Photos appear within or after the corresponding class note.

Class Notes are now available on [www.geneva.edu](http://www.geneva.edu). Visit the site to learn about fellow classmates. Submit an update so they can stay connected with you.

## 1954

A collection of writings by **Thomas George Anderson**, who passed away in 2008, has been published and is available at Amazon.com. The compilation, *Thoughts and Dreams and Spiritual Themes*, includes poetry and short stories written by Tom from age 13 into his retirement years. His lifelong dream of having some of his writings in print was fulfilled this year by his wife of 53 years, Gloria.



## 1975

**Al Raniero** was one of three finalists to receive the Outstanding Leadership in Technology Award at the 2010 Tech Quest held in Harrisburg, Pa. Recipients of this award have earned the reputation as being innovators in the development of current technologies and promoting growth of the technology industry in Pennsylvania. Al is currently the Executive Director of Information Technology for the County of York, Pa.

## 1982

**Pastor David Carver** of the First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights was a recipient of a grant in the 2009 National Clergy Renewal Program funded by Lilly Endowment,

Inc. See "The Towel on Sabbatical" on page 14.

**Andromeda "Andi" Mary L. Sibley** received a master's in library science from Clarion University in May, 2010. She is employed as Library Media Specialist at Newtown Friends School in Bucks County, Pa. She has three sons ages 5, 7, and 22.

## 1987

**Rev. Dr. B. Michael Brossman** received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Seminary on May 10, 2010. The ceremony was held at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Dr. Brossman serves as senior pastor at Centenary United Methodist Church in Steelton, Pa. He and his wife, Pamela (Polesiak '87) have three children; Brennan (18), Alyssa (16) and Lyndsay (14). The Brossmans make their home in Steelton, Pa.

**Mark Hewitt** is a competitive master's 45+ bicycle racer. His team, zMotion, is based in south Florida. This photo captures his first win of the year in Deland, Fla.



**Sherwood Price** is director of Ball-yard's Castle, a castle in Ireland owned by the Stauros Foundation which serves as a Christian men's facility to provide counseling for individuals with alcohol, drug, gambling and other addictions. The Lord has saved many from this kind of background through the Foundation.



## 1992

**Natalie (White) Austin** and husband Raymond announce the birth of their son, Aiden James, born on March 18, 2010. He joins his brother Asa John (2) in Coraopolis, Pa.



**Harold "Sam" and Susan (Ruckert) Kinter** are living in Okinawa, Japan. They left their teaching positions in Va. in 1998 for teaching positions with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) in Okinawa. Presently they are working on Kadena Air Base. Susan is a seventh and eighth grade counselor and Sam teaches sixth grade science and social studies. Sam recently received a high school counseling position.



## 1994

**Marjory Tobias** accompanied a group of Geneva students to Costa Rica in the spring of 2010. She is pictured here in the rainforest along the trail to La Fortuna Waterfall, near La Fortuna, Costa Rica.



## 1995

**Daniel and Christina (Hassler '95) Beggs** announce the birth of their son Ian Daniel, born on August 23, 2010. They are now residing in Butler, Pa.

## 1998

**Darrick and M. Annette (Dezort) Dean** announce the birth of son, Logan Andrew, on December 24, 2009.

**Brian and Shannon (Jones '99) Dewar** announce the birth of daughter Aubrey Elizabeth Dewar on October 16, 2009. They recently moved to Upland, Ind. where Brian is Assistant Professor of Biology teaching Anatomy and Physiology and Genetics at Taylor University.



**Matthew and Jennifer (Fisher) Malingowski** welcomed the birth of newest daughter Faith on July 8, 2009. Faith joins sisters Grace, Hannah and Abigail.

## 1999

**Melody (Stull) Evans** and her husband Greg are the proud parents of a son, Ian Vincent, who was born on December 14, 2009 and weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces. Ian and his family live in Brainerd, Minn.



**Shannon L. (Jones) Dewar**— see Dewar 1998

**John M. Kinyanjui** and Gladwell Gacuga were married on December 19, 2009 at the Anglican Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in Nakuru, Kenya. John graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Nevada in May 2009.



**Patrick A. Tanner** started a new position at Penn State York as Director of Student Services and Enrollment Management. He and his wife, Julie (Marhsall) have two children, Elijah (4) and Molly (2), and reside in Manchester, Pa.

**Joshua and Stephanie (Vesolich '00) Wilsey** announce the birth

of their second child, Kian Judah, on January 19, 2010. Older sister Alexa is 5 years old. Josh serves as Business Manager at Crown & Covenant Publications and Stephanie will return to her work as Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of the Undergraduate Psychology Program at Carlow University this fall. The Wilseys reside in Moon Twp., Pa.



## 2000

**Jeremy Andrews** joins the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), a nonprofit organization located in Pittsburgh, Pa. Jeremy will be working with students at West Virginia University in partnership with The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Morgantown as Director of College Church. Jeremy received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Geneva College in 2000 and 2005, respectively. In the fall of 2010, Jeremy will complete an additional master's degree at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

**Ben Becze** was named by the Grove City College advancement team as their new Major Gifts Officer on June 1, 2010. Ben says, "I am pleased to be continuing my career in both the fund development and higher education arenas. It was an honor to serve my fellow alumni during my time at Geneva. Pro Christo et Patria."

Mark and **Stephanie J. (Waller '00) Francis** announce the birth of their son, Trevor Maxwell, born on October 23, 2010. They reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brian and **Jennifer R. (Weir '00) George** announce the birth of their daughter, Acacia Jean, born on September 3, 2010. She joins sisters Keziah Grace and Tirzah in Waldorf, Md.

**Stephanie (Vesolich) Wilsey** - see Wilsey 1999

## 2001

**Tracy (Dunmire)** and Jason **Pietromica** announce the birth of their daughter, Lila Rose Pietromica on March 12, 2010. The Pietromica family lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.



**Carrie (Harman) Bowers**  
- see Bowers 2002

## 2002

**Justin** and **Carrie (Harman '01) Bowers** announce the birth of Isabella Nicole on November 13, 2009. She joins her sisters, Malia (5) and Pressley (3). The Bowers live in Monaca, Pa.

## 2003

**Keith D. Knowlden** married Katlyn Rothrock at Camp Susque on June 13, 2009. Keith is teaching first and second grades at Immanuel Christian School in Hazleton, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlden are expecting their first child at the end of August 2010.

## 2004

**Danyelle N. (Almquist) Boyd** is a counselor for the Chartiers Valley High School. She is residing in Monaca, Pa.

**Jacob Gleason (MAHE #007)** and wife Holly welcomed a daughter, Anna Noelle on July 13, 2010. Anna joins her brother, Elijah, at home in New Concord, Ohio. Jacob is the head coach of cross country/track and field at Muskingum University, located in New Concord, Ohio.

**Timothy N. McClain (DCP #166)** has joined the Institutional Advancement Department of Mars Hill College as the Director of Major and Planned

Gifts. He held this position at Asheville School before coming to Mars Hill. Prior to that, he served in the fundraising departments of the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Penn State University. He served 11 years in the United States Air Force.

**Thomas H. Mitchell, Jr.** received a Master of Theological Studies from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 21, 2010. He is a member of Covenant Church of Pittsburgh, where he is pastor of prison ministry. Thomas plans to begin an outreach ministry for ex-offenders. He and his wife, Candace, live in Pittsburgh and will be moving soon to Gibsonia, Pa. They have three grown children.

**Charles** and **Anne (Barton) Modro** announce the birth of their daughter, Lilly Grace, born on November 8, 2010. They reside in Beaver Falls, Pa.

## 2005

**Joy (Entwistle) Doyle** and Sean Michael Doyle were married October 10, 2009. The couple resides in Chippewa and both are employed at Geneva College.



**Jennifer L. Hackworth** married Don Hackworth on August 21, 2010. They are residing in Cranberry Twp., Pa.

**Joel** and **Sara (Clapper) Mason** announce the birth of their son Luke Andrew, born on October 26, 2010.

He joins sister Jocelyn (1) in Beaver Falls, Pa.

**Anthony J. Platt** graduated from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 21, 2010 with a Master of Divinity degree. Anthony was a pastor for five years before entering seminary. He currently is youth and associate pastor for Trinity Fellowship Church in Youngstown, Ohio. He also serves as the church's director of addiction and recovery ministry and as the director of Christian education and Sunday school, and oversees the youth and young adult programs. Anthony, his wife Ellie, and son Jake (1) live in Poland, Ohio.

**Natalie (Weir) Faris** - see Faris 2007

## 2006

**Laura M. (Askey) Mack** married James Mack on July 31, 2010. She has been hired as a substitute teacher and a teacher for homebound students in the Philadelphia area.



**Benjamin D. Hoadley** married **Kristen E. (Ortendahl) Hoadley (MAHE '09)** on October 22, 2010. They are residing in Pensacola, Fla. where Ben is an officer in the U.S. Navy.

**Benjamin** and **Jennifer (Picard) Kimmel** were married on May 24, 2009 at Ruthfred Lutheran Church in Bethel Park, Pa. They make their home in Shelocta, Pa. Ryan Hassen '06 served as a groomsman and Katie Abebe '07, and Dana (Leopold '06) Hoover served as bridesmaids. Ben works for Dutch Run Coal as a weigh-master at Tipple 4J and Jen is a special education teacher at Bethel Park High School.





**Erica C. Wachtel** is currently serving as the President of the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, located in Beaver, Pa. She began on August 1, 2010.



**Amelia Lynn (Ward) Takiura** received a missionary in training certificate on May 21, 2010 from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS). Amelia is a member of Shawnee Reformed Presbyterian Church. She worked as a mechanical engineer prior to entering seminary. Amelia married Kihei Takiura, also a graduate of RPTS, on June 5, 2010. He hopes to serve as a pastor soon. They are living in Japan and enjoying each step along the way.



## 2007

**Annie Beall (MSOL)** was named the assistant athletic director for administration for Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. Her husband, **Todd Beall (MSOL '10)**, is the head coach of the men's soccer at Cedarville University.

### **Daniel and Natalie (Weir '05)**

**Faris** announce the birth of their son, William "Liam" Paul Faris, born on September 14, 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya. He joins brother Samuel (2). The Farises are stationed in Aweil, Sudan, as missionaries with RP Global Missions.

**David** and Tara **Hardie** announce the birth of their son, Josiah, born on September 9, 2010. They are residing in Beaver Falls, Pa.

### **Johnathan and Lauren (McBurney)**

**Neiswinger** announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Katherine, born on October 6, 2010. She joins brother Colby James (1) in Baltimore, Md.

## 2008

**Yvette Camp-Taylor** received a missionary in training certificate from The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 21, 2010. She plans to continue her studies and aims to open a shelter for women and children who are affected by domestic violence. She lives in East Liberty, Pa. with husband Charles.

**Kara M. Conaway** went to Honduras in September to do some long term mission work. Part of her job is to help establish a mentorship program between orphan girls and members from local Honduran churches. She will also be helping them move some of the girls into a newer and larger facility once it is opened. She is committed to spending a year there.

### **Brian C. and Tesni (Searles) Freed**

were married on August 22, 2010. Their wedding was followed by a honeymoon in Nova Scotia, Canada. They are now residing in the city of Manchester, N.H., where they are active members of Church of the Redeemer (PCA) and where Tesni works as an Administrative Assistant

for Next Step O&P, Inc. Brian is the music teacher and choral director at Epping Middle High School in Epping, N.H.



**Whitney Greer Gamble** received a Master of Theological Studies degree from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 21, 2010. She is a member of Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church in Gibsonia, Pa. Whitney earned her bachelor's degree in biblical studies with a minor in Japanese from Geneva, and plans to enroll in a Ph.D. program in Old Testament studies following graduation.

**Benjamin and Charann (Hughes '08) Lawrinson** announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Aaron Lawrinson II, born on May 4, 2010. They are now residing in Hermitage, Pa.

## 2009

### **Matthew C. and Laura (Fischer)**

**Cooper** announce the birth of their son, Caleb Joshua, born on September 9, 2010. They are residing in Baden, Pa.

**Tiffany (Bear) Garcea** married Joey Garcea on July 10, 2010. They are residing in Rockford, Ill. where she teaches Spanish at Rockford Lutheran Academy.

**Rachel Kennedy** is pictured next to the world's largest ox cart, in Sarchi, Costa Rica while traveling with fellow Geneva students. Sarchi is the hand-craft capital of Costa Rica and is



famous for its colorfully-decorated ox carts (a symbol of Costa Rica). This ox cart was built for the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

**Kristen E. (Ortendahl) Hoadley**  
– see Hoadley 2006

**Karen A. Simeone (DCP #230)**  
has worked as a temp telemarketer for MEPPi, USPD Service Telemarketing Company and is now a direct employee. She lives in the Pittsburgh area.

## 2010

**Bethany (O'Neill) Hardwig** was recently hired by The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) in Point Breeze to fill the dual part-time positions of marketing specialist for RPTS and office manager for the RPTS Biblical Counseling Institute. Bethany resides in Point Breeze with her husband, Patrick.

**Nathan R. Nyeholt** married **Amy J. (Gardner) Nyeholt** on June 19, 2010. They are residing in Aliquippa, Pa.

## Friends, Faculty and Staff

Co-head volleyball coach **Curt Conser** and his wife Kristin welcomed their first child, Alison Rea, on April 26, 2010.

On March 27, 2010 Geneva alumni met at McKechnie Field in Bradenton, Fla. for the annual alumni picnic and spring training baseball game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The group was welcomed by Pirates President Frank Coonelly and was recognized during the seventh inning stretch. L-R **Joy (Morgan '68) Jewell, Paul Jewell '67, Dallas Norris '65** and **Karen (Morgan '64) Norris**.



**Jason Ryce '98** received a Master of Divinity degree from The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 21, 2010. Jason has been involved in youth ministry for 12 years, and served as a youth pastor at Dorsyville Alliance Church for two years. He currently serves as a pastoral intern at Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church in Brookline, Pa., where he and his wife are members. Jason feels a call to the Gospel ministry of preaching and teaching. He is exploring a church planting opportunity out west in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA). Originally from Ellwood City, Pa., Jason lives with his wife, Janine, in the North Hills.

## IN MEMORIAM

### 20s

**S. Doris (Ayers '28) VanWagner**  
on February 19, 2010

### 30s

**Ruth C. (Grabert '30) Minnitte**  
on October 9, 2010

**Ruth M. (McClure '31) Johnston**  
on July 13, 2010

**W. Leslie Douglas '35**  
on November 6, 2010

**Henrietta C. (Evans '36) Eubanks**  
on April 3, 2010

**Rhoda (Batteiger '36) Gross**  
on October 28, 2010

**William J. Duff '37**  
on May 3, 2010

**Ruth T. (Taggart '38) Clark**  
on July 26, 2010

**Sara "Sally" J. VanRyn '38**  
on February 12, 2010

**Arlene J. (Fleming '39) Barron**  
on July 9, 2010

**Elenore M. (Campbell '39) McConaughy** on August 21, 2010

**Virginia C. (Campbell '39) Webster** on July 6, 2010

### 40s

**Miriam G. (George '40) Buley**  
on August 23, 2010

**Eloise L. (Leiper '40) Fenyus**  
on September 23, 2010

**Harry "Jack" Gentzel '40**  
on March 31, 2010

**Lila L. (Watterson '41) Laber**  
on November 13, 2010

**Rev. James B. Marshall '41**  
on May 7, 2010

**William O. Baker '42**  
on May 7, 2010

**Elrick "Rick" H. Caughey '42**  
on September 30, 2010

**Rev. Paul E. Faris '42**  
on June 5, 2010

**Charles V. Strimlan '42**  
on July 15, 2010

**Theodore I. Veiock '42**  
on October 22, 2010

**Robert J. Wilkison '42**  
on September 27, 2010

**M. Kathryn (Coleman '43) Bieshelt** on August 15, 2010

**Anna E. (Allwein '44) Simoni**  
on January 31, 2010

**Mary O. (Hank '44) Withrow**  
on March 5, 2010

**Lucile G. (Buxton '45) Westlake** on March 29, 2010

**Dr. Thomas A. Gardner '48**  
on February 4, 2010

**Guy R. King '48**  
on September 10, 2010

**Dr. Harry L. Lodge '48**  
on September 6, 2010



**Jean E. Brown '49**  
on January 8, 2010

**Dr. Harry "Dea" E. Craig '49**  
on July 26, 2010

## 50s

**Dr. William Thomas "Tom" Berg '50** on November 14, 2010

**Wylie T. Graham '50**  
on October 8, 2010

**Helen Keys '50**  
on June 2, 2010

**Paul A. Newton '50**  
on June 12, 2010

**Joseph C. Palatka '50**  
on November 8, 2010

**Louis A. Phelps '50**  
on October 16, 2010

**Maxine E. (Auld '51) Musselman** on August 6, 2010

**Elma R. (Russell '51) VanKirk**  
on April 7, 2010

**James L. Eakin '52**  
on August 11, 2010

**Joe R. Ewing '52**  
on April 11, 2010

**Edward J. Jackson '52** on October 28, 2010. Ed retired from Geneva College, working in the Business Office as Personnel Director from 1964-1992.

**John Lesko '52**  
on October 18, 2010

**Gerald L. Rossman '52**  
on July 23, 2010

**Paul W. Wolfram '52**  
on February 19, 2010

**Barbara J. (Miles '52) Fullerton** on April 25, 2010

**Dr. Dimis L. (Taylor '53) Dowse** on May 20, 2010

**Walter W. Farber, Jr. '53**  
on April 20, 2010

**Robert E. Reader '54**  
on August 23, 2010

**William P. Kerns '55**  
on June 1, 2010

**James L. Mitchell '55**  
on April 6, 2010

**Gordon H. Davis '56**  
on March 19, 2010

**John W. McMillin '56**  
on August 2, 2010

**Nancy A. George '57**  
on July 31, 2010

**William E. Hanes '57**  
on June 23, 2010

**Wilson J. Rhodes '57**  
on May 12, 2010

**Brian W. MacMurdo '58**  
on July 16, 2010

**Frank M. Melchiorre '58**  
on October 27, 2010

**Carolyn A. (Collie '58) Seltzer**  
on January 31, 2010

**Emily E. (Tincani '59) Self**  
on February 28, 2010

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Chemistry major and winner of the  
2000 Distinguished Service Award

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**Walter J. Fabianich '60**  
on May 2, 2010

**Paul "Pete" N. Laughner, Jr. '60**  
on November 14, 2010

**Robert D. Welch '60**  
on March 14, 2010

**Robert W. Wilson '60**  
on February 15, 2010

**John B. "Dud" Zigerelli '60**  
on July 22, 2010

**Margaret A. (Abayes '61) Cronin**  
on February 11, 2010

**Albert Haddad '61**  
on October 2, 2010

**Laura E. (Boye '61) McMahon**  
on September 28, 2010

**Ronald A. Morini '62**  
on February 21, 2010

**Catherine C. (Crossno '62) Tucker**  
on February 16, 2010

**Richard L. Brockmiller '64**  
on March 2, 2010

**Virginia V. (Vance '64) Wilson**  
on July 4, 2010

**A. Darlene Horner '67**  
on August 19, 2010

**Marcel G. Connor '68**  
on March 9, 2010

**Robert G. Butterfield '69**  
on October 1, 2010

**James M. Corwin, Jr. '69**  
on September 1, 2010

## 70s

**Dr. Ronald V. Good '70**  
on June 3, 2010

**Grayson "Butch" E. Hostetter, Sr. '70**  
on April 15, 2010

**Harry Koty '71**  
on February 3, 2010

**Gary L. Crees '72**  
on October 23, 2010

**Dennis C. Fassinger '74**  
on April 18, 2010

**Robert W. Stevens, Jr. '76**  
on October 14, 2010

**Joan M. (Yocco '78) Veon**  
on October 18, 2010

## 80s

**Brenda M. (McGuire '80) Wallace**  
on September 23, 2010

**Melissa A. (Tock '85) Swing**  
on May 25, 2010

## 90s

**Michael J. Strati '90**  
on September 1, 2010

**Gary R. Trettel '90 (DCP #004)**  
on March 6, 2010

**Lisa E. (Schultz '98) Wood (DCP #084)**  
on April 19, 2010

## 00s

**Vivian D. Martin (MSOL #40)**  
on September 20, 2010

**David B. Wolff '00**  
on August 10, 2010

**Adam S. Guthrie '06**  
on September 24, 2010

**Joshua A. Guthrie '08**  
on April 18, 2010

**Norman H. Williams '08 (DCP #037)**  
on March 25, 2010

## 10s

**Sarah E. Bronson '10**  
on April 29, 2010

## Friends, Faculty and Staff

**Dr. David M. Carson** on August 5, 2010. Dr. Carson was the Samuel A. Sterrett Professor Emeritus of Political Philosophy at Geneva College. He began teaching at Geneva in 1946 and retired in 1992.

**Dr. J. Robert Graham** on March 7, 2010. Dr. Graham was a part-time faculty in the MSOL Program for a number of years.

**Rev. Kenneth W. Hoffman** on November 18, 2010. Professor Hoffman was Adjunct Assistant Professor of Bible and taught at Geneva from 1981 until his retirement in September 2010.

**Jeanne L. (Ringler) McGath** on May 24, 2010. Jeanne worked in the mail room from 1960 – 1989 before her retirement.

**Michael T. Wickline** on August 12, 2010. Mike was an assistant football coach for Geneva College and academic administrator at Riverside High School.

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# in conclusion

BY DR. NORMAN CARSON '47

Professor Emeritus, Department of English

Dr. David Carson, in his inimitable way, reminded Geneva and its students of the value of tradition. As one colleague remarked, "David was truly a Renaissance man." It is for a good reason, then, that we honor him as a loving mentor of students, an inestimable member of the Geneva community, as a wise contributor to the welfare of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and beloved husband and father.

David appeared first on Geneva's campus in 1945. He was at that time the pastor of the Eastvale Reformed Presbyterian Church across the river from the college. A graduate of Yale University and the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Dr. Carson became known to Dr. Allen Morrill, chair of the Geneva Department of English. Dr. Morrill was acquainted with Dr. Carson's gifts and repeatedly asked him if he were willing to teach a composition class. Agreeing only to observe, he was taken to a classroom in Old Main by Dr. Morrill who opened the door to a room filled with students and said, "Here's your class, David, go to it."

Six years later, Dr. Carson succeeded Dr. John Coleman as the principal instructor of the Great Issues in Politics class, which has been part of the college's core requirements for over 100 years. Thus, Dr. Carson became known to scores of students over the next four decades until his retirement in 1992. He became legendary to students from every major, a fact that was borne out significantly at his memorial service, held in the John H. White Chapel on August 9. At this time dozens of heartfelt tributes, gathered in response to an e-mail request, were shared on a big screen.

Dr. Carson's teaching skills were praised, particularly his talent at taking a student's bizarre, often totally off base, answer to a question and gently leading the bewildered



student to an approximation of the correct answer. Poli Sci was one of the most feared courses in the core curriculum, but at the same time Dr. Carson was one of Geneva's most beloved professors, held in high respect by all. His scholarship was also superbly demonstrated in two books in particular: *Transplanted to America, a History of the Reformed Presbyterian Church* and *Pro Christo et Patria, a History of Geneva College*.

His interests were widely varied: not only history and politics, but also music and literature. He was in constant demand as an accompanist for student recitals and a warm-hearted host to mini-concerts in his home performed by talented faculty members. He was not without prejudice, however, for he once admitted to me his less than full appreciation for the operatic works of German composer Richard Wagner. His taste in literature led him to sponsor Bookies groups, as the informal student book discussion groups were known in those days.

Nicholas Wolterstorff once wrote: "We are all profoundly historical creatures." Dr. David Carson was, through many years, the premier historical presence within Geneva College. We will miss him while yet enjoying the wonderful blessing he was to our institution and its cause.

## DR. DAVID CARSON



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