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President's Prologue

In times of crisis, difficulty, and pain, Christians resort to prayer. Prayer is an essential component of the lives of followers of Jesus. William Shakespeare wrote in *Richard III*, "Earth gapes, hell burns, and saints pray..." And yet, I sometimes lose faith when I don't get answers, or when the answers are not what I asked for.

So I am reading slowly through *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* by Philip Yancey. I have just finished Chapter 9, titled "What Difference Does It Make?" To answer the question, Yancey tells stories of how the world has been changed by the prayer of God's people. Examples include stories from South Africa and the former Soviet Union. There is powerful evidence that the relatively peaceful dismantling of the USSR is the result of the faithful prayers of believers.

The chapter concludes with a section Yancey calls "Discipline for Emergency Workers." He takes this title from an e-mail he received from a friend in Sri Lanka a few days after the tsunami at Christmas of 2004. Yancey suggests that anyone who is involved in God's kingdom work is an emergency worker and could benefit from this advice from his Sri Lankan friend. Included in the advice was that "People like Mother Teresa have shown us that anyone who wants to do crisis ministry long term must have a healthy devotional life." Since we in the United States were not near the tsunami of 2004, how are we "emergency workers" for God?

He concludes the chapter with the story of a couple in New Jersey who saw signs on their street and announcements in the paper notifying the neighborhood that a registered sex offender had just been released from prison and had moved into the area. The couple started praying for the man pictured on the posters, and occasionally they would see him on the street. After praying, this couple visited him and then opened their home to a weekly breakfast for ex-offenders like him. They are still hosting that breakfast 21 years later.

Yancey concludes with a question: "How would it affect the reputation of Christians in the United States if we became known not for our access to the White House but for our access to heaven on behalf of those who strenuously, even violently, disagree with us?"

I couldn't help but think about the upcoming visit of Equality Ride to the Newberg campus April 5. Are we willing to pray intensely for that visit and to reach out to the riders with the love of Jesus, even though we disagree with their view of human sexuality? And are we willing to exercise spiritual disciplines in preparation for this visit? Maybe our prayers will significantly change that visit to glorify our God and see his power at work among us.

There is so much about prayer I still need to learn. I increasingly understand and appreciate the disciples' request of Jesus to be taught to pray.



Homeward Bound

This year's homecoming celebration is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, on the Newberg campus. The event includes an affinity reunion for those who sang with the New Vision Singers and class reunions for the classes of 1997, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1967, and 1947.

Festivities begin Friday with a Sports Hall of Fame dinner at 4:30 p.m. in the Klages Dining Room. Saturday's schedule includes an alumni celebration brunch at 11 a.m., a New Vision Singers concert at 1:30 p.m., campus tours, class reunions, an Alumni Wall of Honor unveiling reception at 3 p.m., a homecoming buffet at 4:30 p.m., and women's and men's basketball games. For more information, visit homecoming.georgefox.edu or contact **Robby Larson** (Alumni Relations) at ext. 2130.

Kaleo Returns

Author Donald Miller will be the keynote speaker for the university's third annual Kaleo conference, scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in Bauman Auditorium. Miller will speak on mentoring with presentations entitled "God is Fathering Us" during two sessions, at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The event, designed to equip those called to youth ministry, also will feature breakout sessions with speakers from throughout the region. The cost is \$20 per person for faculty and staff. Visit kaleo.georgefox.edu to register.

Power of Prayer

Employees are welcome to participate in prayer each Friday for the presidential transition. Campus Ministries and Advancement are hosting prayer time from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Academic Resource Center on the third floor of the Stevens Center. The sessions are scheduled through the end of May and may continue into June. Those not on the Newberg campus are welcome to pray individually or organize a time to meet at their respective locations.

Passion Personified

The university's theatre department will present a one-man play, *Damien*, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, and Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. in Wood-Mar Auditorium. The play, written by Aldyth Morris, is based on the life and death of Father Damien DeVouster, priest to the exiles of Hawaii in the late 19th century.

Bryan Boyd (Performing Arts) portrays the title character, a passionate man who fought against his family, government, and church to serve a group of dying outcasts.

Employees receive one complimentary ticket, available at the University Store. Additional tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for alumni and seniors, and \$6 for students and children under 12. Call the box office at ext. 3844 or visit theatre.georgefox.edu for tickets and more information.

Hitting a High Note

The university's Symphonic Band and Concert Choir were chosen to perform at the National Association for Music Education's All-Northwest Division Biennial Conference Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at two Portland locations. The selection of two George Fox groups is a first for the university and an honor for the institution. Only five colleges representing a six-state region were chosen by a national panel to perform in the event, which will draw many of the area's high school choral and band directors. For a conference schedule, visit menc.org/conferences. A free preview concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in Bauman Auditorium.

Rembrandt or Bust

Students from **Tim Timmerman's** (Visual Arts) Design 2 class created life-size "busts" of famous paintings out of cardboard that will be on display in the Murdock Learning Resource Center Feb. 7 through March 2. The show is titled "Rembrandt or Bust" and can be viewed during library hours.

Tech Talk

Brent Wilson (Computer and Information Science) will present "Changing classroom presentations with new technology (PC Tablets, Camtasia, Classroom Presenter)" at a faculty teaching forum from 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in the Executive Dining Room. No R.S.V.P. is necessary to attend.

Scholarly Pursuit

More than 200 students will be on campus for the university's annual Scholarship Competition Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9-10. Students will audition or interview with faculty for departmental scholarships and take part in activities and tours. Scholarships are offered in science, theatre, forensics, engineering, music, and art. Students also will compete for Miller Awards, given to those who exemplify strong service and leadership skills.

Grand Performance

Tickets are still available for the first Bösendorfer Artist Concert Series event, scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in Bauman Auditorium. Guest pianist Gianluca Luisi of Italy will perform 20th century and classic Italian piano literature. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and alumni, and \$6 for students and children under 12. To purchase tickets, contact the box office at ext. 3844 or visit music.georgefox.edu.

Plan Ahead

The second of a three-part financial planning series is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Cap and Gown Room. This session will explore retirement planning objectives and charitable options and include an explanation of how the TIAA-CREF retirement plan works. **Al Zimmerman** (Planned Giving) and Mal Moran, a representative of TIAA-CREF, will present the free workshop at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Employees are welcome to invite a spouse to either meeting. Register beforehand by sending an e-mail to Al at azimmerman@georgefox.edu so adequate materials can be prepared. E-mail Al or call him at ext. 2106 for more information.

Budding Artists

Thirty-six entries from the 14th annual High School Art Northwest competition will be on exhibit in the Lindgren Gallery Feb. 15 to March 9. The pieces were chosen from a pool of more than 150 original paintings, drawings, prints, pastels, and mixed-media works. The exhibit, featuring the work of students from 10 Northwest high schools, begins with an opening reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Regular gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Sue O'Donnell (Psychology) presented preliminary research on the effect mandatory, monitored, and non-monitored attendance has on class grades at the 29th National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) conference in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., Jan. 3-6. She also attended workshops on designing department assessments, using experience to improve teaching, the effects of media violence on societal violence, and technology use in the classroom.

Karen Buchanan and **Mary Johnson** (Education) conducted research profiled in the fall 2006 issue of *Quality Teaching*, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education's publication. The article, "Incorporating National Professional Standards Into Teacher Work Sample Assessments," is available at ncate.org. The piece gives George Fox national exposure and comes as the university prepares to host an NCATE accreditation site visit Nov. 3-7.

Terri Crawford (Student Financial Services) was elected 2007 vice president of independent colleges for the state's financial aid association, the Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Gayle Denham's (Student Financial Services) article about Gov. Ted Kulongoski's education enterprise appeared in the January newsletter of the Oregon Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Paul Otto (History) wrote an article, "'Gotta Serve Somebody': The Challenge of Christian Scholarship," that appeared in the fall 2006 issue of *Integrity: A Faith and Learning Journal*, published semiannually by Missouri Baptist University.

Melanie Mock's (Writing/Literature) essay, "Uniquely Alike: A Review of *Great with Child: On Becoming a Mother*," appears in January's edition of *Literary Mama*.

Gary Railsback (Education) had an article, "Faith commitment of born-again students at secular and evangelicals colleges," published in the spring 2006 edition of *Journal of Research on Christian Education*. The piece was a replication of dissertation research conducted between 1985 and 1989 and is the second article based on research Gary made at the University of California, Los Angeles Higher Education Research Institute in 2004. The two surveys were conducted by HERI in 1997 and 2001 with 15,000 students from 134 different four-year colleges. In addition to the article, Gary has presented results at Westmont College and to high school students and parents in Oregon.

Ed Higgins (Writing/Literature) had three poems – "Old Man Williams," "the heart as a small dog," and "Bottoms up" – published in the southern summer 2007 issue of *OTOLITHS*, an Australian online literary magazine.

IN THE FAMILY

Colleen Richmond (Writing/Literature) died Jan. 26 after battling cancer for nearly two years. She passed away at home with her family – husband Keith and daughters Holly and Shannon – present. She had taught at George Fox since 1992. A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Oregon City last Thursday. An on-campus service is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in Wood-Mar Auditorium. Those who would like to make a memorial gift in her honor may do so by sending a donation to the Oregon City Public Library, 362 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City, OR 97045.

From **Bob** (Plant Services) and Kathy **Dexter**: "Thank you to the George Fox community for the cards and beautiful flowers. Your prayers and concerns were appreciated during the passing of Bob's father. We were very touched by the support we received."

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 5	Jeremy Stephens
Feb. 6	David Kerr
Feb. 8	Naomi Mandsager Sarah Eggerichs
Feb. 9	Irv Brendlinger
Feb. 10	Debbie Cash
Feb. 11	Alex Rolfe Lynn Scott Chris Young
Feb. 13	Melissa Gilbert
Feb. 15	Rob Clarke
Feb. 18	Jim Hoekema

CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 5

Newberg Chapel
Carole Spencer, 10:40 a.m.

Faculty Teaching Forum
Executive Dining Room, Noon

Conversation with Carole Spencer
and Religion Faculty
Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Newberg Chapel
Carole Spencer, 10:40 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

All-Northwest Preview Concert
Bauman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Players Presents
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9

Scholarship Competition

Gathering (worship)
Bauman Auditorium, 10:40 a.m.

Players Presents
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10

Scholarship Competition

Softball vs. Concordia-Portland (2)
Morse Field, Noon

Women's Basketball vs. Pacific
Wheeler Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Players Presents
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Pacific
Wheeler Sports Center, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Bösendorfer Artist Concert Series
Gianluca Luisi, Bauman Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12

Newberg Chapel
Exodus International, 10:40 a.m.

Evening Chapel with Scott
Davis, Exodus International
Hoover 105, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Faculty Lunch, Noon

Evening Chapel with
Scott Davis
Lemmons 8, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Newberg Chapel
Mark Benjamin, 10:40 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Faculty Research Forum
Robert Hamilton
Hoover 105, 10:40 a.m.

Sports Hall of Fame Dinner
Klages Dining Room, 4:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Pacific Lutheran
Wheeler Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Drama: One-Man Play
Damien, with Bryan Boyd
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Pacific Lutheran
Wheeler Sports Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Alumni Celebration Brunch
Klages Dining Room, 11 a.m.

New Vision Singers Concert
Bauman Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.

Alumni Wall of Honor Unveiling
Stevens Center Atrium, 3 p.m.

Homecoming Buffet
Klages Dining Room, 4:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark
Wheeler Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Drama: One-Man Play
Damien, with Bryan Boyd
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark
Wheeler Sports Center, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Women's Tennis vs. Lewis & Clark
GFU Tennis Courts, Noon

Drama: One-Man Play
Damien, with Bryan Boyd
Wood-Mar Auditorium, 2 p.m.