

Personal and Ministry Highlights...

April 2006

What a full and rich year! Much of our lives are marked by the rhythms of the academic year, due to ministry on the Vanderbilt campus, as well as having two children in college and two in high school. As the Spring semester of 2006 nears its end, I thought I would pass on my reflections on the personal and ministry highlights of this past academic year...

Graduate and Faculty Ministry at Vanderbilt...

Engaging the Vanderbilt community with the Gospel and Christian worldview is our mission and we did that in a variety of ways this past year:

- **Ken Myers**, Executive Producer of the **Mars Hill Audio Journal**, gave several lectures on campus in late September. His talks strengthened the confidence of those in both humanities and science disciplines in christianity's ability to speak to these areas of life.
- **Tres Scheibe**, **Dick Gygi**, and **David West**, all local businessmen, shared with the **Owen Christian Fellowship**, made up of business students of the Owen School of Management, their personal journeys of faith in the marketplace as well as how they saw their businesses making a Kingdom impact in their communities.
- **Food for Thought**, a lunchtime opportunity to discover and discuss issues involving the intersection of living the Christian faith and the life of the mind, continues to be a popular venue for students and faculty. This Spring I had a very enjoyable opportunity to lead a discussion group of faculty and students on **Flannery O'Connor's** short stories. We were all amazed at her ability, through her stories, to engage the secular mindset.
- Most important of all, though hard to put into words, were the **many individual and group conversations** where **pastoral care, encouragement, and faithfulness to Jesus Christ** were experienced among the faculty, students, and staff.

Personally...

We are walking through a full, rich, and intense (both emotionally and financially!) time as parents:

- **Seth** decided to take a year off at Ole Miss and spent the fall at the **L'Abri** community in Boston and is currently in **Capetown, South Africa** doing a mission internship with **African Leadership**.
- **Will** has had a great freshman year at **LSU**. He just finished up his swimming season; Laura and I got to see him swim at the **SEC Championships** in Knoxville this February.
- **Betsy and Ted**, junior and freshman in high school respectively, just finished up their swim seasons. **Betsy** has started looking at colleges and will have her last year as a camper at **Camp Greystone** (Tuxedo, NC) this summer.
- Please remember me in your prayers June 14-28 as I will be leading a group from our church on an exploratory trip to **Rwanda**.



We are thankful for our triune God whose grace and mercy we cannot live without; we are grateful to you for your continued encouragement and financial support.