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## A DARING DEVOTION (Grand Canyon University Worship Arts Program)

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" - Acts 6:4

### EDITOR'S NOTE

As we evaluate the ministry of the disciples, we find historical accounts of their commitment to God. Some were individuals of sacrifice, others of deep faith and still others of consistent service. However, their constant perspective considers the tremendous advantage of a daring devotion. This month's theme, A Daring Devotion, is about committing an aspect of one's life toward a particular pursuit. That commitment can be observed with fear or the desire to embrace an adventurous purpose with courage. As you read through this newsletter, take a moment to reflect upon the ways God has

allowed the College of Theology to encourage the pursuit of A Daring Devotion through our Worship Arts program.



## NEW TRENDS

The College of Theology seeks to encourage all students, teachers, alumni and scholars to participate in the development of the Christian faith within our world today. This section includes theological resources as well as some exciting ways for you to get involved!

### Prayer Ministry

In an effort to support students, employees and partners, the College of Theology launched a new prayer program headed up by faculty member Dr. Mark Kreitzer and his wife Nancy. We sat down with

them to gain deeper insight into their perspective toward the future of prayer within the College of Theology. To read this article, click [here](#).

» Want to pray for us? Take a look at our Prayer Schedule on page 2!

### Worship Arts Songwriters Showcase

Each semester the showcase features inspiring, original songs performed by highly talented student artists. Take a look at what Satellites & Sirens Christian rock band leader, Geoffry A. Hunker, had to say about the event! Click [here](#) for more!

### Canyon Worship 2018

Canyon Worship 2018 is now available on iTunes and Spotify! The album features GCU's worship arts students using their musical talents to display the love, power and strength of God. Click [here](#) to listen!

### Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies

In our spring newsletter, you may have noticed a spotlight section on the Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies. Issues 2.2 and 3.1 are now available. To download a pdf, click [here](#). To purchase a printed version, click [here](#).

## PUBLISHED WORKS

The College of Theology seeks to encourage the continuous development of academic knowledge among those who provide instruction for our students. This development is evident through the following publications:

### • *Truth from the Trenches: Using God's Word to Illustrate God's Timeless Truths*

A practical user-friendly resource by Dr. Pete Charpentier that allows pastors and teachers to utilize Biblical stories in order to illustrate Biblical principles. Each chapter introduces key thought(s), summarizes the context and major contours of the Biblical narrative in focus and

provides suggestions for how the scriptural story can be used to illustrate scriptural truths. To access a copy of this publication, click [here](#).

### • *Divine Simplicity: A Dogmatic Account*

This book was originally recognized as Dr. Steve Duby's doctoral thesis for the University of St. Andrews. The in-depth and passionate nature of his research presents it as an excellent resource for those in roles of Christian leadership today. To access a copy of this publication, click [here](#).

» For more publications, click [here](#)

» Send nominations to [nyomi.mosley@gcu.edu](mailto:nyomi.mosley@gcu.edu)

## NEWS FROM COT

The College of Theology is pursuing some new and exciting developments this upcoming semester! Take a moment to access our blog by clicking on one of the links below!

- **Trending Faith**
- **Dear Theophilus**
- **Theology Thursday**
- **Faith & Living**
- **College Corner**
- **Dean's Corner**
- **Seminary Updates**

» Access all publications [here](#)

» Join us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)

» For more information, e-mail [cot@gcu.edu](mailto:cot@gcu.edu)

## THE CENTER FOR WORSHIP ARTS

The College of Theology is proud to incorporate ministry-based worship through The Center for Worship Arts. This upcoming quarter will be met with exciting musical releases and developments as the program seeks to expand its horizons around the globe. Find out more about the information listed below and much more!

- **Exclusive Interview with Eric Johnson, Recording Studio Manager**  
We had an opportunity to sit down and discuss the recording studio developments with manager Eric Johnson. Click [here](#) to see the full story.
  - » Find out more about the [GCU Recording Studio](#)
  - » Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)
  - » Get more information through our [Center for Worship Arts blog](#)



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP – WORSHIP ARTS



**Grand Canyon University Worship Team:** During the academic year, students gather every Monday morning in the GCU Arena to start their week in worship. These students have an amazing opportunity to experience the GCU Worship Team. Many students choose to engage in this opportunity once more on Tuesday evenings at The Gathering. Worship Manager Jared Ulrich said, "There is so much more work that goes into what we do than just a band playing music." And he is certainly correct. Read the full article [here](#).

» To learn more, contact Spiritual Life at [spirituallife@gcu.edu](mailto:spirituallife@gcu.edu)

**Life Leader Team:** Several students within the Worship Arts program voluntarily incorporate their skills and knowledge as Life Leaders on campus. This program allows students to present their faith to students in their dorm and around campus with weekly Bible studies and conversations. It is an aspect of ministry that enriches and supports the academic experiences of students on campus.

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## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The concept of A Daring Devotion has been consistently illustrated by the students, faculty members and administrative staff that operate our Worship Arts program. Take a moment to look at the details of the program outlined below:

- **Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts with an Emphasis in Media and Production Ministry:** This program provides the opportunity for students to connect their love for Jesus Christ, professional goals in ministerial leadership and creative media talent. This media ministry program further exposes students to songwriting, performance and production skills development in lighting, media and sound. To learn more click [here](#).
- **Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts with an Emphasis in Worship Ministry:** This program sets students on a fulfilling path to pursue their passion in creating meaningful worship services through gospel-centered, artistically rich performances. Students will also cultivate Christ-like character and nurture the ability to minister with wisdom and sensitivity while serving the local church and other Christian worship environments. To learn more, click [here](#).



## PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The College of Theology is proud to incorporate a foundation of prayer into our academic pursuits. This upcoming quarter will be met with exciting and daunting experiences as we pursue the plans that God has laid out for our future. Feel free to track along with us as we pray during the following times this semester!

September	October	November	December
• Friday, Sept. 7, 7 - 8 am	• Friday, Oct. 5, 7 - 8 am	• Friday, Nov. 2, 7 - 8 am	• Friday, Dec. 7, 7 - 8 am

» To receive prayer update topics, contact [mark.kreitzer@gcu.edu](mailto:mark.kreitzer@gcu.edu) or join us on [Facebook](#).

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### TAYLOR EDWARDS

Former GCU College of Theology student, Taylor Edwards, is currently pursuing a career with Living Streams Church in central Phoenix. Taylor shared about his current experiences and, more specifically, his pursuit of ministry. Check it out on the [blog](#).



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### JACKSON LAKE

We recently caught up with Jackson Lake and asked him about his time at GCU and his future career goals. Read the full story [here](#).



## INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

### JARED ULRICH

Jared Ulrich is the Worship Manager for GCU and a pastor and worship leader. We recently had the opportunity to discuss the work he is doing with the Center for Worship Arts and the Worship Team. Read more on the [College of Theology blog](#).



## DIG DEEPER

The new Worship Arts Coordinator, Dr. Randall Downs, recognizes the pursuit of a worship arts career is daring but well worth the devotion. Read our discussion on the [College of Theology blog](#).

