



# THE GREYFRIARS ARCHER

*Sagittae Formosae et Praeacutae*  
(Arrows, Beautifully Formed & Sharpened)

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### Upcoming Dates:

- Convocation**  
Monday, August 19
- First Day of Classes**  
Wednesday, August 21
- Fall Fundraising Banquet**  
Thursday, October 24

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**FEATURE ARTICLE:**  
Preparing Future GCA  
Students, Series  
Wrap-up  
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## *Greyfriars Begins Fifth Year!*

### *Annual Convocation Service*

*Monday, August 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.*

At our Convocation service, faculty will join new and returning students, Board members, and families and friends of the school in singing praise to God and in praying for His blessings on our new school year.



Dr. William B. Barclay (Senior Pastor of Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church and Adjunct Professor at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte) will be our main speaker.

A catered reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service (provided by [Stone Table](#) in Monroe).

*The public is warmly invited!*

### ENROLLMENT FOR 2013-2014

There are 46 students expected at Greyfriars this year, from 35 different families and 15 different area churches.

- 9th Grade: 10 full-time students.
- 10th Grade: 11 full-time students.
- 11th Grade: 9 full-time students.
- 12th Grade: 8 full-time students.

In addition, there are 8 part-time students taking individual classes.

We are still accepting applications for grades 9 – 12, for both full-time and part-time (“a la carte”) students. Applications are available online at our website:

[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

## *Greyfriars Students Pursue Summer Ministry Opportunities*

### Education Quote

*O that all our students in our universities would well consider this! What a poor business is it to themselves, to spend their time in acquiring some little knowledge of the works of God...and not to know God himself, nor exalt him in their hearts, nor to be acquainted with that one renewing work that should make them happy!*

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*Nothing can be rightly known, if God be not known; nor is any study well managed, nor to any great purpose, if God is not studied. We know little of the creature, till we know it as it stands related to the Creator: single letters, and syllables uncomposed, are no better than nonsense. He who overlooketh him who is the 'Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,' and seeth not him in all who is the All of all, doth see nothing at all. All creatures, as such, are broken syllables; they signify nothing as separated from God.*

- Richard Baxter,  
The Reformed Pastor,  
Ch. 1, Sec. 1

In addition to summertime fun and travel, many of our students have participated in various service and mission works, here in the Charlotte area, elsewhere in the U.S.—and even overseas!



Greyfriars students Megan Snyder and Celina McGowan work alongside church members in Peru, constructing an education building

### Brookstone Schools, Charlotte

Vacation Bible School: Kayla Andrews, Erin Cheney, Matthew Guido, Mikayla Lindsey, Megan Snyder, Rachel Vaughn, Rebekah Vaughn, Seth Vitco, Caroline Wolfe

Others volunteering at Brookstone: Jimmy Guido (painting), Caroline Wolfe (helping children with reading)

### Vacation Bible Schools

Staunton, VA: Lydia Brandt, Nathanael Brandt, Matthew Guido.

Calvary Church, Charlotte: Rachel Farynyk

Uptown Church, Charlotte: Mikayla Lindsey, Nicole Vaughn, Rachel Vaughn

Cherokee, NC: Christopher Cole (light construction and VBS set-up/take-down)

### Overseas Missions

Peru Mission: Celina McGowan, Megan Snyder

Young Life Camp, Czech Republic: Nicole Vaughn

Spain: Rachel Vaughn (taught English at an English camp)

### Summer Camps

Camp Bonclarken (ARP church camp): Megan Snyder (volunteer counselor in training)

Starbase (a military kids camp): Kennedy Ellison (also volunteering for four weeks at another Christian camp)

Seek the City, a “stay-at-home” summer mission ministry of Christ Covenant Church, Matthews: Kennedy Ellison, Kaitlyn Milvain

## NEW GCA FACULTY

### School Verse

#### **Psalm 127:4**

*Like arrows in the hand of  
a warrior are the children  
of one's youth.*

Greyfriars has seen the Lord's gracious hand at work in providing quality teachers for all our subjects. This year, we have added six new faculty members:

**Mrs. Anna Cranford, B.A.** – *Senior Thesis/Rhetoric (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

**Mrs. Martita McGowan, M.P.H.** – *Chemistry (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

**Mrs. Jennifer Milvain, B.S.** – *Foundations of Mathematics*

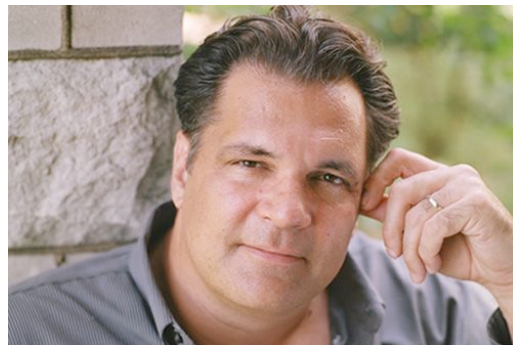
**Rev. Brian Phillips, Ed.D.** – *Literature & History (Classical  
Greece to Medieval, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

**Mrs. Ashley Trice, Ph.D.** – *Classical Writing I (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

**Miss Bethany Wilson, B.S., B.Sc.Ed.** – *Biology (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

## FALL BANQUET

On Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., we will hold our Fourth Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Stephen Mansfield (see below). A silent auction will run concurrent with the evening's events.



**Speaker:** Dr. Stephen Mansfield is an American author whose specialty is faith and presidential politics. He is a blogger, speaker, leadership coach, advocate, and former pastor. Dr. Mansfield is the author of numerous books, and his writings have been used by news organizations, have become NY Times best sellers, and have been used as a source for a major motion picture. In recent years, his popularity as a speaker has nearly eclipsed his reputation as a bestselling author. His speeches entertain and inspire by blending humor, history, and hope. He shares his time between homes in Nashville, TN and Washington, DC with his wife Beverly, who is an award-winning songwriter and producer.

If you are interested in sponsoring a table\* or donating towards the silent auction\*, please contact:

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A COMMUNITY OF FAMILIES  
**Part VI: Series Conclusion**

In the April 11, 2012, issue of *The Archer*, we began a series of articles\* discussing how families who are looking toward Greyfriars for the future could begin to prepare their younger students, who in many cases are currently being homeschooled. Subsequent newsletters included articles on preparation in specific areas, from writing and mathematics to theology and logic. As we wrap up this series, we would like to offer a few reflections and suggestions based on teachers' recommendations.

Some of the suggestions might seem obvious: make sure your children read, have family discussions that foster critical thinking, and look for ways to reinforce math concepts, for example. But other recommendations might not be as intuitive to parents who are currently homeschooling and designing their own curriculum, such as familiarizing your child with the Westminster Standards or ensuring that math lessons have an oral component. It is true, as we stated in our first article, that Greyfriars exists and prospers because there is right now a community of families feeding into the school who are already implementing Christian and classical educational principles in the early years of their children's education. However, it is also true that Greyfriars can be even better than it is—and we trust it will be—as families continue to grow in the area of thinking deeply and biblically about the entire scope of their children's education. Greyfriars can be even better than it is if parents use their gifts and abilities in community to help encourage each other to achieve the desired goals.

To this end, one group of families has been working for several years to create a preparatory environment for their GCA-bound students. These families have seen benefits from “working backwards,” as it were, from high school down to kindergarten, discussing curriculum choices and academic plans to build an educational foundation that will support the kind of work that will be expected of their children in high school. They meet weekly to encourage each other and keep each other accountable to complete a certain body of work. Their elementary-aged students memorize a wide variety of content, such as Bible verses, catechism, and math facts together; their middle-schoolers write papers, begin to discuss and critique literature, and start developing more independence in their study habits. The results so far have been very encouraging, and these families have been convinced of the benefits of this kind of closeness, interconnectedness, and accountability within a homeschooling community.

We at Greyfriars think that this sort of long-term thinking and careful planning is going to do much to strengthen the hands of our high school teachers, enabling them to move quickly into the rhetoric stage of education because of the strong foundation laid in the early years. We would encourage you, if you are not already doing so, to find a friend or group of friends to partner with. Ask questions of those who have gone before you, and begin preparing your younger children right now, in purposeful and meaningful ways, for the culmination of their education at Greyfriars Classical Academy.

For information on specific programs for the 2014-2015 school year, contact Candis Brandt (7Pillars: grades K4-5<sup>th</sup>) at [canbclassical12@gmail.com](mailto:canbclassical12@gmail.com) or Jane Willingham (Bridge: grades 6-8) at [willinghamje@earthlink.net](mailto:willinghamje@earthlink.net).

*\*If you missed that first introductory article you can find it [here](#). Subsequent articles in the series addressed the subjects of literature and writing (available [here](#)), mathematics (available [here](#)), theology (available [here](#)) and logic (available [here](#)).*



## TOGETHER IN EDUCATION

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