



Recently we made the decision to revoke our sponsorship for Boy Scout Troop 111. The decision was not made because of any wrongdoing or disagreement with the local group – they have followed the best traditions of their organization. Our problem is with the Boy Scouts of America. They announced that as of January 1, 2014 they will amend their standards to allow declared homosexuals to enter their membership.

While we believe that the Bible is definitive when it comes to describing sin and that the practice of homosexuality is included in that category, our disagreement didn't focus on that one issue. Homosexual acts are a sin like stealing, adultery, lying, etc. We should never condone sin. And while the Boy Scouts make the argument that we are talking about young boys who aren't practicing the homosexual lifestyle, (which I think is naïve on their part), they are condon-

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ing their tendency for the future. But, while that is troubling it was their rationale for the change in policy that carried more weight in our decision.

- Their reasoning for the change was based on what they determined were "key findings considered critical to the development of the resolution." Some of these findings were:
- Attitudes and opinions among Americans related to gay and lesbian relationships have changed rapidly over the last few years.
- Views among parents under the age of 50 have changed significantly in the past 3 years with a majority opposing a ban on homosexuality.
- Parents in 3 out of 4 regions oppose the current policy of excluding declared homosexuals.
- Most Boy Scouts oppose the ban on homosexuals.

In their resolution they write, "Whereas, youth are still developing, learning about themselves and who they are, developing their sense of right and wrong, and understanding their duty to God to live a moral life...now, therefore, be it resolved that..." and then they state their decision to allow declared homosexuals into full membership.

In effect, what they are saying is that the definition of goodness and morality is found in the prevailing attitudes and opinions of most Americans. Since their view of what is good and right has changed so should ours. They are saying that there is no objective standard to guide the organization other than the desire to follow the popular convictions of man and to help young people discover their own sense of morality. The BSA goes on to say that the new "membership

policy will not match everyone's personal preference." Meaning that right and wrong, purity and perversity are simply a matter, in the end, of one's personal preference.

We believe that God's Word is our objective reality. It is the source of our understanding of ethics and morality. The BSA makes no mention of basing their decision on anything other than popular opinion. Even an unbeliever like Epictetus, a first century philosopher, knew that morality, if it is to be formative must find its source outside of man. He wrote, "Goodness exists independent of our contemplation of it. The Good is out there and it has always been out there before we began to exist." Even that truth seems lost to the governing board of the BSA.

While the position on homosexuality was very troubling our decision to part ways with the BSA was made certain because of the lack of any objective standard, especially the use of the Bible, in helping to determine what constituted a good and moral life.

Included in our mission statement are the words, "Great Lakes Christian College seeks to glorify God..." This is at the heart of all we do. We can't usurp His authority and deny His Word and still glorify Him. It is as simple as that. His Word and His Will are our guide. We glorify God by following Him. The difference between the BSA and GLCC rests on that distinction. We cannot remain in a partnership with an organization that seeks to please men rather than obey God.

*Larry Carter*

*GLCC President*



We have all experienced the frustration of a half finished project. There seems to be much to accomplish before the project becomes a reality, but it is evident that there is light at the end of the tunnel. I remember building a room and a deck onto our house. Inspections, ordering more supplies,

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and waiting for good weather were some frustrations along the way. But, the picture of a beautiful room and deck kept us focused until they were completed.

The Knowles Learning Center (as seen above) is one of those uncompleted projects for GLCC. Phase one is complete and paid for! The new office suite of the Knowles Learning Center opened in May 2012. These 12 new offices and lobby areas have created an atmosphere of learning where professor and student can connect in a professional yet informal setting.

Now it's time for phase two of the Expanding the Capacity for Learning campaign. The Louis M. Detro Memorial Library is to be relocated into the Knowles Learning Center. With the library relocation into the new wing, the College will then redesign the old library into needed classrooms, which is a priority for growth. That vision of a library that will expand the capacity for research and discovery in the Word of God for our students keeps us focused at this half way point.

We have a long way to go. We are not done yet! We need you to partner with us.

Pray for the success of this campaign asking God to provide the funds needed to build another tool in God's toolbox for equipping more workers in the Kingdom.

Consider a three-year pledge to help us reach our goal for Phase two. Of the \$2 million needed for the entire Knowles Learning Center, we have cash in hand of \$1,041,000. Your priority pledge is crucial.

If you have already pledged to the campaign, consider extending your pledge for another two years.

Consider naming opportunities in the new library. A row of bookshelves is open for naming with a gift of \$5,000 over two years. Bricks are also available to purchase for the courtyard walkway.

Consider a one-time gift to the Expanding the Capacity for Learning campaign.

We are asking churches and individuals to join us in reaching our goal of \$2 million for the Knowles Learning Center. Your partnership will expand our capacity to provide quality instruction and mentoring opportunities for students who will make a difference as leaders in the church and world.

Space does not allow but I encourage you to go to the campaign webpage on [glcc.edu](http://glcc.edu) to find more information and a pledge form. Prayerfully consider today what God can give through you.

*Phil Beavers*  
Vice President of  
Institutional Advancement

## Great Lakes Christian College Celebrates 65 Years

Mark the date for the 65th anniversary of Great Lakes Christian College on **October 17-18, 2014**. This anniversary celebration will be in conjunction with our Mission Emphasis Week on October 14-15. So plan to attend the whole week or just the weekend. We are looking forward to alumni and friends coming on campus for a great time of reunion.



## Bill Meaige Divine Servant Award Recipient

Bill Meaige is a 1979 graduate of Great Lakes Christian College. In 1984 he answered the call to his first preaching ministry at the North Terrace Church of Christ in Zanesville, Ohio where he has served ever since. His dream for ministry is to watch people grow to become more than they ever thought possible. Coupled with that is his desire to see the church grow and make an indelible impact on the community. The bottom line is that he simply wants to be used by Jesus to save souls.

Bill has been a servant for most of his adult life. He has been a servant-leader. He has tried to follow Christ's example. As a result, he has made an eternal impact on the communities where he has served. He has made a difference in people's lives that will never fade away.

Read more about Bill Meaige and his ministry at [www.glcc.edu](http://www.glcc.edu).



Ruth Doty, Bill and Tami Meaige, President Larry Carter. The Divine Servant Award is one part of a memorial to Dr. Brant Lee Doty who was the long-time Academic Dean and professor at GLCC. This award, with the approval of the College Administration, is given to a Senior student or alumnus whose life has consistently illustrated the sacrificial servant spirit as taught by Jesus Christ and demonstrated in the life of Dr. Brant Lee Doty. This award is the highest and most prestigious this college has to offer.

## GLCC welcomes new staff!

GLCC announces the retirement of **Bill Brossmann** after 17 years of service. Bill came to the College under the leadership of President Jerry Paul and started as the Director of Development, eventually moving to the VP of Finance and Operations position. Bill's experience in business has produced financial stability for the College and his love for the Lord has extended his ministry into many churches in our region. **Jim Lockwood** transitioned into this position October 1, 2013. Jim is a 1977 alumnus of Great Lakes and recently retired as Superintendent of Schools for the Perry School District. GLCC will benefit greatly from Jim's business and ministry experience and we welcome him to the staff. Jim and his wife Kim live in Corunna, MI and have two sons, Joshua and Jeremy.



We are also pleased to announce **Jessie Allison** as our new Campus Life Coordinator. Professionally, Jessie brings to GLCC a Bachelors of Psychology from Spring Arbor University. However, she began her college education at Great Lakes Christian College, attending from 1999 to 2001. She is a licensed professional counselor and passed the National Counselor Exam this past February. Personally, Jessie has a passion for counseling, ministry, and especially the GLCC community. For the past few years, she has served as adjunct instructor while providing counseling training for RA staff and Summer Outreach Teams. It has been her desire for many years to devote her entire life to GLCC. Please join us in welcoming Jessie to the GLCC community.

## Beyond the Classroom

**Dr. John Nugent**, Professor of Old Testament, participated in the GLCC mission trip to Honduras, edited the book *Radical Christian Discipleship*, published an article in the book *Constantine Revisited*, completed phase one of *yoderindex.com*, wrote lessons for Standard Publishing's adult curriculum, and delivered papers or spoke at the following conferences: Society of Biblical Literature, Christian Scholars, Ecclesia and Ethics, Stone-Campbell Journal, and Ekklesia Project. Ryan Bushnell, Director of Student Life, attended the Association for Christians in Student Development at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho.

**Ryan Apple**, Associate Professor of Music, recorded a CD of classical guitar music and performed in many venues around the state. To date his CD sales have contributed \$2150 to GO Ministries.

**Dr. Dan Cameron**, Professor of Theology and Ministry, spoke to junior high students at an assembly in Heartland, made a presentation to the youth at the Kilpatrick Church, and offered two workshops at the Michigan Christian Convention. In August, Dr. Cameron concluded a preaching ministry of six years at Holt Christian Church.

**Dr. Esther Hetrick**, Professor of Music, taught a master's level course for Lincoln Christian Seminary. She also led an outstanding group of highschoolers in our summer music camp, PROMISE.

**Dr. Kendi Howells Douglas**, Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry, took a sabbatical from teaching in the Spring of 2013. Here is just a sample of what she accomplished:

Writing: two articles published in *Christian Standard*, Associate Editor of *New Urban World Journal* and writer of two articles, began co-writing a book about a Corinthian approach to urban mission in a series she is also co-editing, urban editor for *The Polis Commentary*.

Teaching: Taught at GO Ministries Seminary of the Americas, Dallas Christian College online, Perspectives course at 3 Indianapolis mega-churches, workshops at the International Conference on Missions and Michigan's Statewide Teen Convention, class at Lansing's Trinity Church, workshop at South Lansing Christian Church, main session at the American Society of Missiology/Association of Professor's of Missiology, was the commencement speaker at Crossroads Christian College, and led Urbanocity (urban mission camp) for highschoolers on campus.

## New Memories for a new Era

For 40 years, Great Lakes Christian College hosted a Madrigal Dinner Concert Series at the Central United Methodist Church, in downtown Lansing, MI, and helped the community usher in the Christmas Season. Over the years, guests of the Madrigal Dinner have collected wonderful memories of the jester's antics, of a lively troupe of drama players, and of the Madrigal Singers' acappella music, all of which helped us remember the real story of Christmas.

It's always a little sad to see the end of an era, but as Chaucer said, "All good things must come to an end," and we will not be having the Madrigal Dinner this year. However, as we look to the future, we hope to make some new memories, on our campus, and we invite you to come enjoy an evening of music and drama, to welcome in the Christmas season.

### New Location

We will be hosting a Christmas event on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College, in the Doty Center. The college is located on the west side of Lansing in Delta Township, at 6211 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing, MI. In contrast to maneuvering around downtown Lansing, we can promise little traffic congestion, plentiful parking spaces, and easy access.

### New Format

Rather than a full meal, we will be providing a couple of the best features of our previous format—wassail and a choice of desserts. This means the cost will go down, from \$30 per person, to \$10 per person, (or \$75 a table, seating for 8, a great deal!)

### Same Excellence In Music

As before, the Music Department is working with our music groups to share the lovely strains of carols and Christmas music, in a variety of settings. Instrumental musicians will provide Christmas music throughout the evening as well.

### Same Excellence In Entertainment

With humor and poignant truth, the Christmas story will be re-told. We anticipate that the atmosphere, dessert fare, lively drama and concert will be a fun, unforgettable evening.

Please plan to save the dates of Thursday, December 12 or Friday, December 13, to join us in a Christmas event on our campus. Information about when tickets will go on sale and publicity for the event will be coming soon.

*Esther A. Hetrick*

Dr. Esther Hetrick

For forty years Great Lakes Christian College has celebrated the Incarnation of our Lord through the Madrigal, showcasing the talents of the students through this unique Christmas program. The singers, players, orchestra, props and lighting staff, make-up and costumes personnel, servers for the guests—all student volunteers, all endeavoring to bring the true Christmas message to the forefront.

For the past thirty-five years I have had the pleasure of co-directing the Madrigal. I've had the pleasure of listening to "all but angelic" voices sing of Our Savior, of watching the players entertain and edify the audience through drama. I have been constantly amazed at the talents of our student body, at the ability of Esther Hetrick to direct the music to such excellence.

This year we begin a new program, one with the same intent: to give the Lord Jesus proper praise through our best efforts. We invite you to our campus this year to celebrate with us through a variety of songs the Good News—our Lord Jesus Reigns!

- George Brown  
Professor of English

Many great memories connected with Mads. I was so blessed to be able to be a part of so many different aspects of the production over the last 14 years. Madrigals was truly loved by all who attended and was a perfect way to start the Christmas season. It is now exciting to see a new chapter start with a new GLCC Christmas event. It's good to hear that the wassail will still be served. That's a favorite! ...as long as it's not made with salt.

- Emily Bargaen  
(Beavers, BRE 2005)

Phantom of the Opera is the longest running show in the history of Broadway and you beat them by fifteen years! What an accomplishment! A basketball court on the third floor. Dozens of people shoved in a little room applying makeup. Searching through the building to find the bowling alley. Sneaking in a Big Mac and then having to eat it with a fork and knife under the watchful eye of Gary Gregory. Costumes by Sherry Gregory. Listening to the autoharp to get a starting pitch. An impossibly high tenor part on The Boar's Head Carol. What great memories. Thanks, GLCC, for forty great years.

- Frank Weller (1999-2001)



1976



1986



1997



2010

Mads has so many awesome memories for me. My very favorite one is the night I picked up my then-boyfriend from Madrigals dress rehearsal and was surprised by a marriage proposal from the stage! After I said yes, the cast surrounded us to congratulate us... it was a very special night.

- Sarah Monette (BRE 1974)

I was a part of the singing group for the first Madrigal dinner and concert. It was an experience that I will never forget and always treasure. I felt like I was wearing the inside of a couch as my tunic was made out of heavy upholstery material and it was quite warm. I enjoyed the friendships and the atmosphere of it all.

- Stanley Ray Johnson (BRE 1989)

See MANY more Madrigal memories at [www.glcc.edu](http://www.glcc.edu). If you would like to contribute your Madrigal Memories please like us on Facebook and chime in on the Madrigals post.

“The Alumni Association was excited to help provide the disc golf course for the GLCC campus because it was a great opportunity for our alumni to come together to support our current students. Our alumni contributed not only financially, but also came to campus to help construct the course. This project is exactly the kind of thing the Alumni Association is focusing on: connecting alumni, supporting the College, and developing the current students. We’re glad to be a part of providing the disc golf course for the campus!”

*Jamie Wetzel*

*GLCC Alumni Association President*



## ALUMNI NEWS

### 1950s

**Louise (Burch, 1957) Cole** died on Sunday, November 25, 2012 at her home in Florida. She is survived by her husband, **Morris Cole (Thb/BA 1962)**, and two sons.

### 1980s

**Scott (BRE 1980) and Mitzi (VanHorn, BRE 1979) Saltsman** moved to Fremont, Indiana 10 years ago with the help of New Churches of Christ Evangelism. They are currently looking to move for the third time and really looking forward to what God has planned for the future.

**Don (BRE 1981) and Sharlene (BRE 1992) (Trabert) Stowell** began their 14th year in ministry at the Lockland Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have three grown daughters and three grandchildren. Don has written a book titled *Helping You Through the Death of a Loved One*. They can be ordered for \$4 each (postage paid): 613 Glensprings Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215 locklandcc@aol.com

**Chuck Emmert (BRE 1978)** was featured in the July/August 2013 issue of Michigan Out of Doors in the article Michigan's One True Trout by Bob Gwizdz. This article also appeared in the Lansing State Journal.

### 2000s

**Lawrence Lumley (2006-2008)** graduated with a business degree from SAU, and is working on his Masters degree in Communication. He has helped start businesses and worked in a church plant.

## FUTURE CRUSADERS



**Matt (BRE 2001) and Jessie (Novello 1999-2001) Allison** announced the arrival of Emmi June on January 13, 2013. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.



**Jason (BRE 2004) and Rhonda (Morgan, BS 2006) Vance** are proud to announce, Atticus Owen was born Sunday, May 26 at 9:38 p.m. weighing 8 lbs 2 oz and 21.5

inches long.

**Levi Samuel Barga**n was born March 20, weighing 7lbs 15oz. **Kris (BS 2006) and Emily (Beavers, BRE 2005)** and family moved to Peoria, Arizona in May. Kris took the position as Video Producer at Christ's Church of the Valley.

**Travis (BS 2006) and Becci (Wheat 2000-2004) Fox** announce the birth of Josiah Everett on February 21. He weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

**Hailey Olyvia Walter** arrived on January 29 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Mom and dad, **Mark (BS 2007) and Deana**



**(Foust, BS 2005) and older siblings Cameron (6), Melanie (4), and Aliyah (2)** are thrilled.

**Penelope Aeris Kruger** was born August 26, 2012. **Jessica (Yurgel, AA 2009)** received her Masters degree in Education with a specialization in Early Childhood Education through Ashford University. She is a teacher at Peoples Church Preschool in East Lansing.

## Church Anniversaries

**Coe Church of Christ** Celebrates 150 years on September 29.

**Lake Area Christian Church** celebrates 10 years on November 3.

**Kalkaska Church of Christ** celebrates 125 years.






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### Intellectual, Spiritual & Personal Growth

In the Fall 2012 issue of the KEY we began a discussion about our tagline: Intellectual, Spiritual & Personal Growth. We chose this tag line very carefully and purposely as we feel it communicates very well what we are about at Great Lakes Christian College. Hopefully you had the chance to read the compelling case on intellectual growth. In case you missed it all recent issues of the KEY are available on our website [www.glcc.edu/Advancement/TheKey.aspx](http://www.glcc.edu/Advancement/TheKey.aspx)

Spiritual Growth. I have been asked why spiritual growth is second in the order of the words, implying that it is second in priority. Certainly this is not the case! First, we firmly believe each aspect, the intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth of a person is most important. Second, we are an institution of higher education and as first mission we are here to educate. And lastly, we like to think it is at the center of what we do!

We offer many opportunities for spiritual growth. Every week we have Chapel on Tuesday and Small Group on Thursdays. Chapels offer a service that typically includes worship music, led by a rotation of bands, and a speaker. Thursday's Small Groups offer study on a wide variety of topics. Groups and topics have included women's and men's study groups, various books of the Bible, service groups, topical studies, and one of my past favorites, a drum circle that made spiritual applications from the rhythms of our physical and spiritual life. Each group is designed to connect students with God's word and with each other.

Devotionals (aka "devos") are also a key part of our spiritual growth here at

GLCC. Devos are held at a variety of times throughout the semester. They are held by floors in the dorms, by dorms (Men's/Women's), as well as all campus devotions. New this year is a Wednesday night devotional, by open invitation to the entire campus, led by President Carter called "On The Journey With Friends" using lessons from various spiritual guides through the ages. As you can see, there are many opportunities to grow spiritually!

In addition to the various opportunities outside the classroom to grow spiritually, we also promote spiritual growth inside the classroom. Classes are taught from a Christian worldview and spiritual applications are often part of the conversation. And perhaps most importantly of all, and at the heart of an education here, is that every graduate of Great Lakes Christian College completes a Major in Bible/Theology. Along with intellectual growth in Bible knowledge comes spiritual growth, as we know our study of God's word does not return void.

As I mentioned in the last article, we are a regionally and nationally accredited institution of higher education and we are required to demonstrate outcomes. Accreditors do not mandate what we teach, but require us to prove that we are who we say we are. I can certainly affirm that students at Great Lakes Christian College are offered many opportunities to grow spiritually as well as intellectually and personally! If you know someone who is seeking a great education, be sure and tell him or her about GLCC!

*Lloyd Scharer*

*Vice President of Enrollment Management*

# Upcoming Events



Great Lakes Christian College, an institution of higher education affiliated with Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, seeks to glorify God by preparing students to be servant-leaders in the church and world.

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## NOVEMBER

1-2 Refresh - Ministry Wives' Retreat  
8-10 Fusion  
25-29 Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

12-13 Christmas Program  
17-20 Final Exams  
21 Semester Break Begins

## JANUARY

13 Classes Begin  
18 Church Connect  
20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Classes; Service to Community Day

## FEBRUARY

17-21 Week of Outreach 1

## MARCH

11 Mid-Semester Alerts  
31 - Week of Outreach 2  
April 4

## APRIL

11-12 Michigan Christian Convention  
25 Board of Trustees Meeting  
25 Senior Showcase  
25 Women's Spring Celebration

## MAY

6 Honors Chapel  
12-15 Final Exams  
16 Graduate Banquet  
17 Commencement, Doty Center, 10:00 a.m.

## Do You "Like" Us?

Social media is everywhere, and it's an amazing way to stay connected after graduation and continue to cultivate the community that is developed when students are here on campus.



For up to the minute updates on events "like" us on Facebook: [www.fb.com/GreatLakesChristianCollege](http://www.fb.com/GreatLakesChristianCollege).



For general conversation follow us on Twitter: @GLCCCrusaders.



For thought provoking articles read the President's Pen blog by Larry Carter: <http://www.glcc.edu/Advancement/PresidentsBlog.aspx>.



Connect with us on LinkedIn for news and job openings on campus.



Get fun dorm room ideas or keep up on current events on campus by following our boards on Pinterest: GGLCCCrusaders.

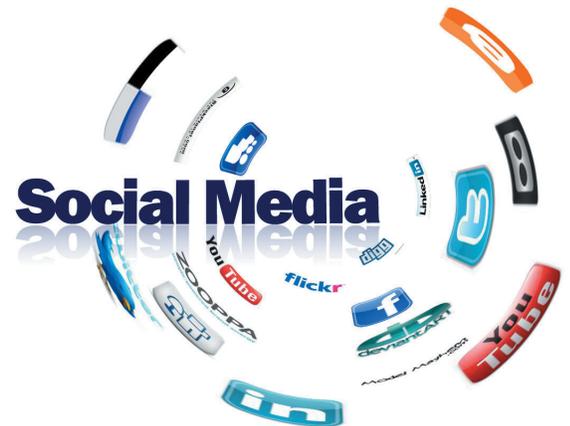


See fun photos of events involving our students and staff on campus and off by following us on Instagram: GLCCCrusaders.



Watch fun and informative videos from campus on YouTube: GLCCCrusaders.

## Social Media



In fact, we think social media is such an important communication tool we would like to teach our churches how they can use social media more effectively to communicate with their congregations and spread the word of God. We are offering a Church Connect seminar on January 18 with an emphasis on how to use social media in the church. Mark your calendars now and watch our website and Facebook page for more information.

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