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We want to provide a quality Christian education for any student who attends our College.

One of the challenges leaders face in guiding an academic institution is to maintain a balance between remaining true to the founders' intentions in the past while being open to changes that may help a college succeed in the future. Past and current administrations of GLCC have insisted on remaining true to the founders' intentions. We are, by nature, a Bible College that "seeks to glorify God by preparing students to be servantleaders in the church and world." We understand that to mean that we are primarily in the business of training people for specialized Christian service. As such, our emphasis is to attract students who have a desire to understand God's will for their lives and then help them decide how best to serve Him. This is our target group.

Within this target group, we know that not all students are gifted nor called to ministry. So, while committed to encouraging all of our students to think seriously about "full-time" Christian service we also want to provide a quality Christian education for any student who attends our College. As a result, we offer other degree and training opportunities for those not entering a formal ministry. Because of our regional accreditation status, we have been able to expand our curriculum to include majors whose credits are transferable and can be used in the pursuit of graduate degrees.

Offering these additional degrees does not change who we are. Our focus is on encouraging and training as many people as we can for ministry. It is and will continue to be the largest program on our campus — but that isn't all we do. In this regard, our goals aren't different from the original goals of the College. From the first day of operation, Great Lakes Christian College has been deliberately co-educational. It was never the intention of the founders to be a preacher training school only. (By the way, there isn't one of our brotherhood co-educational Bible Colleges who can claim to be any different.)

There have been those who feel that for GLCC to succeed in the future we will have to move more in the direction of being a "liberal arts" college. The competition for students is fierce so there is a temptation to do what others have done by allowing non-ministry majors to become the dominant programs on campus. The thinking is that it makes you more marketable to a larger number of people. There is also the issue of funding to consider. Liberal arts colleges, because of an expanded student population, can rely more on tuition, fees, and room and board than on donations from churches and individuals. Their dependence on outside funding, from an operations standpoint, is almost negligible. We, on the other hand, because of our Bible College nature, couldn't survive without the help of those who believe in our mission.

Despite perceived advantages for the long-term viability of the College, we don't believe that God is moving us in the direction of "liberal arts." Our main reason for existing is to encourage, equip, and send out those who will be committed to a life of full-time service to the King. While we do have a degree of excellence in other academic areas, our strength and uniqueness lies in our Christian Ministries programs. This is our passion.

By Larry Carter President *The staff of the admissions department loves inviting new and prospective students to...GLCC.*

WELCOME TO ADMISSIONS

At Great Lakes Christian College we love to see new students arrive and eventually find a place in our student body and campus community. Before we welcome students to campus, however, the admissions department spends much time and effort contacting and encouraging prospective

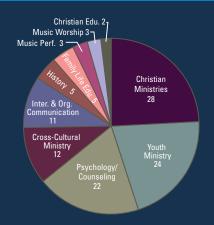
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students to consider all that Great Lakes has to offer.

The admissions department has a challenging job keeping up with the hundreds of students who may be interested in GLCC. We visit at least 25 different youth conventions, Bible Bowl competitions, CIY events, and college fairs every year. Director of Admissions, Mike Klauka, and Admissions Counselor, Wendy Beavers, travel to over 60 area churches and schools to encourage young people to consider GLCC as one of their top college choices. Student callers in the admissions department spend over 1000 hours per year calling prospective students to see how GLCC can meet their college needs and expectations. Faculty, staff, and students also represent GLCC at 15 different camps throughout the summer.

One of our most helpful tools for keeping up with the hundreds of potential students we contact is our admissions database. Our database helps record names and information of prospective students obtained from a range of sources. From someone searching colleges on the internet to names provided by a youth minister, our collection of contacts grows. Churches, camps, youth ministers, and alumni can all provide a connection to Great Lakes Christian College and encourage students to seek the opportunities available here.

The staff of the admissions department loves inviting new and prospective students



to explore the opportunities for spiritual growth, education, mentoring, and relationship-building at GLCC. We love to see students chose to be part of a school that seeks "to glorify God by preparing students to be servant-leaders." We are excited about what they will add to our campus family and we are excited about what we are able to offer because we truly believe that Great Lakes Christian College is a place where they can receive "Instruction for Life."

Admissions Staff: Student Rep., Amanda Salvaggio; Student Rep., Jessica Rodgers; Admissions Counselor, Wendy Beavers; Director of Admissions, Mike Klauka; Office Manager, Judy Carter; Student Rep., Josh Simmons. Not Pictured: Student Reps. Trisha Prickett, Hope Gruss, and Travis Fox.

WHAT THE STUDE



"If I had to go back and do it all again I would choose Great Lakes every time." – Jessica Merritt When Jessica Merritt was a student at a nearby high school, she looked forward to Breakaway, Great Lakes Christian College's outreach weekend, as a chance to gather with other teens. It gave her a look into what a Christian college education could be, learning and praying alongside Christian brothers and sisters.

Now, a year after her graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, she works at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing — one of the largest law schools in the nation — as an enrollment specialist.

Each day she uses the skills she studied and practiced at GLCC. She said, "I learned very important skills that can be used in any workplace. At Cooley, I deal with students, co-workers in my office, and those in many other departments. It is critical to have good communication skills to be successful in such an environment.

"The communications major completely prepared me for this position I have. Also, living so close to so many people in such a small, family environment you learn a lot about people and relationships. Anywhere you go you need to know how to deal with people."

While looking for a college home, the Charlotte, Michigan native, Jessica wanted an environment that was small, with a friendly atmosphere. She comments, "I wanted to go somewhere I knew I could fit in, meet new people, make new friends, and be challenged, academically and spiritually.

But, Jessica had at one time wondered whether going to college at all was in her future. She said, " After I graduated high school, I did not want to attend college at all. I decided that I would just go for two years and get my associate's degree. By the end of my first year I knew I wanted to be there for all four years and get a bachelor's degree, and that I did.

"I think it was a fabulous decision. If I had to go back and do it all again I would choose Great Lakes every time."

"I can only thank God for the opportunity I had to go to Great Lakes."

It makes sense that many of the students who attend Great Lakes Christian College had relatives, friends, or ministers who paved the way for them and influenced them.

But when it comes to making a decision about where to continue your education, it's a personal decision. Brendan Warren of Jacksonville, Illinois chose GLCC.

He said, "I know a lot of people there, staff and students, and I know I'll be in a good Christian environment. I know of a church I can go to in the area, and that is very important as well. I am very familiar with the area." Research led Brendan to find, "I would be able to get a lot of scholarship money, and that was important to me."

He and his parents visited the College. But, his parents and extended family members were already very familiar with the campus and its offerings, as many had attended school at GLCC, and both parents, **Bill** (BRE 1981) and **Kelly** (ARE 1981) **Warren**, are alums. Brendan's experience on the campus visit stood out; he said, "I had a great time. I met some new people and I was able to fit right in. I was pleased with everything I saw. I got a little taste of what it's like to be in a small community. I really can't say there was anything that I didn't like about it."

Students can strive toward a life of example strengthened by Christian friends at GLCC. Some of Brendan's friends are already on campus, so that has contributed to a sense of family.

And, with Christian students to live, work, pray, and play with, the possibilities of growth are endless.

Brendan recommends that prospective students come to campus, saying, "I would recommend a visit. If you're skeptical about its size or anything like that, just go check it out and then make your decision."

NTS ARE SAYING...

When Kayla Ruff of St. Johns, Michigan was making her college decision, she realized that her church, Duplain Church of Christ, was filled with people who either work for or studied at Great Lakes Christian College. Through her attendance at high school choir and music programs like Promise, Kayla knew GLCC was a place she could grow to serve the Lord.

"I was looking for an accredited college with a family atmosphere, close to home, and a place where I could develop a stronger personal relationship with the Lord," she said. Next fall, she'll be welcomed as part of GLCC's class of 2010.

Kayla is especially interested in the cooperative teacher education

program between Spring Arbor and GLCC. She comments, "The first two years I'll take the basic classes from GLCC. The last two, I'll take Spring Arbor classes on the GLCC campus. That's one more reason I chose GLCC. I can get my degree in teaching through Spring Arbor, but still have it located on the GLCC campus." She hopes to study elementary education, and eventually teach fourth or fifth graders.

If not for the Spring Arbor degree opportunities available at the College, would Kayla have continued to pursue GLCC? She said, "Yes, I definitely would have. I would attend for at least one year to get the general experience of a private Christian college, and get some of my basic classes."

Before applying to GLCC, Kayla spent the night in the dorm and attended an Open Mic night and several classes. "I had so much fun. I saw what college life was like..."

Kayla's parents, Dale and Katrina Ruff, support her decision to attend Great Lakes.

They said, "We are very excited for her to attend GLCC and take part in the whole experience the College has to offer as well as be surrounded by Christian men and women that have her best interests at heart. We talked with her potential program advisor and the financial advisor. Both gave good insight to our questions and concerns."

"I was looking for an accredited college with a family atmosphere..." — Kayla Ruff

Josh Simmons stands before you — it appears he doesn't sit anymore, so eager is he to serve the Kingdom. This is not your average second-year student. He comes to Great Lakes Christian College having owned and operated his own car and motorcycle shop, then experienced the Lord's guidance to "re-evaluate my life."

In his 20's, this Grand Rapids, Michigan native is in awe of the possibilities open to him: "God spoke to me through friends and family, who were asking me about youth ministry. I had been interested in doing that as a teenager, but hadn't thought about it since. I decided to make some inquiries. Four months later, I began classes at GLCC where God showed his faithfulness and love to me. He has provided for me financially, and I am never in need of anything."

He had experienced GLCC as a young person with Bible Bowl, and his youth minister — who played a large part in his decision — had received his degree at GLCC. After making his decision for Christ at the age of 7, Josh was always involved with the youth group at his home church of Jenison Christian (MI).

Josh knew he wanted to pursue youth ministry, but he also wanted something more — a place that could nurture Christian relationships, which are essential to his spiritual life. He commented, "I was looking for a college that would help me develop my social-spiritual qualities as well as give me the quality education that I desired. Great Lakes was able to fulfill everything I was looking for in a school and more."

He now works toward a Bachelor of Science in Bible Theology/Youth Ministry with a minor in Cross-Cultural Ministries. He sees the faculty at GLCC as a key component of the wealth of opportunities at GLCC. He said, "I have no doubt that the Lord has provided the very cream-of-the-crop when it comes to the professors here. They develop a mentoring relationship with every student. I can tell by engaging them in classes and conversations that this is not just a job to them."







GLCC benefactors play a major role in reducing the cost of education for students. Gifts from individuals and churches account for 37.8% of our income.

In the Fall Semester 2005, our students anticipated an estimated annual school bill of \$14,500 based on 15 credit hours, room & board, fees, and books. In return, they will receive a quality education provided by competent, personal, and qualified professors. We have seen an upgrade in our facilities and we have added programs to meet more of the needs of our students. In the Presidential Senior Exit Interviews we receive many positive comments about the overall education received at GLCC. One graduate said, "An outstanding faculty, strong curriculum, and the attitude of caring for the students are what make this place special."

Students have many options for financial assistance. From the State of Michigan and the Federal Government, 74% of our students will receive some type of grant or loan aid. Seventy percent of our students receive awards from our scholarships that are funded by Great Lakes or donors. In the Fall of 2005 we awarded \$194,147 in scholarships. There are many opportunities for students to work on campus or to find employment within a short driving distance. We make every effort to work with each situation to be sure that we have exhausted all possible means to finance their education.

GLCC benefactors play a major role in reducing the cost of education for students. Revenue from students in tuition and fees accounts for 15.8% of our income. Gifts from individuals and churches account for 37.8% of the income. Without our faithful donors, the cost of education would be much higher. Gifts to the general fund and to scholarships reduce the overall expense of education. We consider it a blessing when someone initiates a scholarship knowing that the funds in that scholarship will assist a student in their education. Many donors contribute to established scholarships giving us opportunities to extend our awards in those areas. Initiating a scholarship or donating to one is an investment in the future.

Our scholarships assist prospective students as well as present students encouraging them to be preachers, missionaries, educators in the public and private schools and churches, youth ministers, and musicians. A contribution to our scholarship program is a worthwhile investment not only into the lives of the recipients, but an investment in the Kingdom work. You can request a copy of our scholarships by contacting Cindy St. Louis at 517-321-0242, extension 252.

Great Lakes Christian College is on the final lap of the Partnering to Change Lives campaign-year four. God has provided over \$3 million in the first three years of the campaign and has established a stronger more stable financial situation than ever before because of the pledges and giving of so many. In fact, we have just completed eleven years working in the black. The Doty Center project is the challenge that remains. With \$450,000 in the building fund we have much ground to cover in a short period of time. This project means so much to our students that we pray churches and individuals will give it priority financial consideration in the coming months.

By Phil Beavers Vice President of Institutional Advancement

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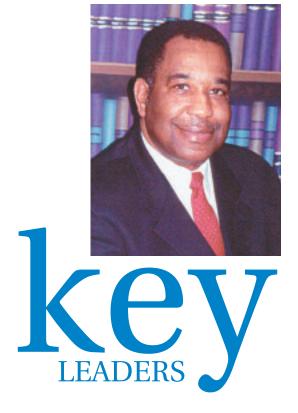
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"My life's goal is to serve 100 Christian leaders who are leading important movements by strengthening them, protecting them, and encouraging them to influence history." I have been challenging churches and Christian organizations to better reflect the family of God since being involved with the Institute for Black Family Development (IBFD) in Detroit, Michigan. I have come a long way as a leader myself as I think how I came from the streets of Detroit to basketball courts around the world and from academic institutions to my leadership presently with the IBFD. I have seen many educational needs met among African American Churches and organizations as the president and founder.

As I look back on my life, I have not forgotten the influences that came from one on one relationships. My parents died when I was young and others had to continue building on the spiritual foundation that my parents had laid. As a result of their investment in my life I feel like there is so much to pass on to others. My investment in others comes through the Institute for Black Family Development where we strive to become a premier trainer in leadership development for churches and Christian leaders.

In any successful ethnic partnership, leaders need to develop some of the following skills:

- 1. To get high performance, the leader's greatest people challenge is the development of trust.
- To get a unified group, the leader has to create an organizational structure where ownership, decision making, and money are shared equally.
- The leader knows how to bring different ethnic people together to accomplish a purpose.

- 4. The leader is to be transparent, free to show both strength and weakness.
- 5. The leader should be an executor or a doer.
- 6. The leader should be a facilitator.
- 7. The leader should be a great listener.
- 8. The leader should have good oral and written communication skills.
- 9. The leader should have good character qualities.
- 10. The leader should be developing other men and women for lead-ership.

I have had the opportunity to mentor and teach many African American leaders throughout my tenure as president of IBFD and I emphasize the following key points when it comes to their role in the family, church, or in their organizations. I encourage them to challenge people to come up with their own better ways to do their jobs. I direct them to seek out ideas from everyone. I emphasize how they need to treat people with honesty and respect. I get them to see how important it is to spread authority around. I challenge them to see that authority as an inner confidence or a trust in their own skills and abilities. I instruct them that accessibility is the ability of a person mastering good networking skills which will increase their visibility and give them a valuable circle of people from which they can give and receive support and information.

Matthew Parker

President & Founder of the Institute for Black Family Development Detroit, Michigan

GLCC COMMUNITY NEWS

2005 MADRIGALS



Madrigal Cast: 2005 Madrigal Dinner Theater Cast and Crew (Photo by Gloria Photography)

The 2005 Madrigal Dinner and Concert was a big success. *Alis Volat Propriis: She Flies with Her Own Wings* was performed by a 27 member cast, 27 crew, 13 musicians, and more than 30 servers. A total of 1189 people attended the six performances.

The 2006 Madrigal Dinner and Concert will be presented Thursday–Saturday, November 30–December 2 and Thursday–Saturday, December 7–9. You will want to be sure to purchase your tickets early this year. You may purchase tickets in person at the campus beginning Monday, October 2 at 8:00 a.m. Phone orders are accepted beginning Tuesday, October 3.

MISSEO DEI SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 11–23

Misseo Dei (Miss-ee-oh Day) is Latin for Mission of God. We want to challenge high school juniors and seniors to get out of their comfort zone and take the mission of God into the world where someone desperately needs to hear it. After meeting on campus for a week of intensive training, the group will travel to the inner city of St. Louis, Missouri to work with The Urban Mission, a ministry of the Baden Community Christian Church. This camp is limited to only 12 students.

Misseo Dei will take place June 11–23. It will be on campus June 11–16 for training, and corporate fellowship with the Promise music camp then in the mission field June 17–23. For more details please contact GLCC Admissions at 1-800-YES-GLCC (1-800-937-4522).

CONCERT CHOIR TOUR: MARCH 31-APRIL 9

This year the GLCC Concert Choir heads north with a dramatic musical presentation. *A.D. Easter and Beyond* takes the listener back to the first century to experience the people God called to lead His Church. It offers hope and encouragement to twenty-first century Christians called to be His Church today.

A.D. Easter and Beyond will be presented at:

Kalkaska Church of Christ Kalkaska, MI Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. Lakeside Christian Church Escanaba, MI Saturday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. Lake Superior Christian

Church Marquette, MI Sunday, April 2, 9:45 a.m. First Church of Christ Sault Ste. Marie, MI Sunday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. First Church of Christ Mt. Pleasant, MI Monday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Drive Church of Christ Portage, MI

Mt. Pleasant, MILansing, MIMonday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.Sunday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.Oakland Drive Church of ChristPortage, MITuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.Sunday

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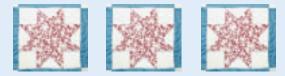
MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION: APRIL 21–22

The 2006 Michigan Christian Convention will be an historic event as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the event. Following the example of the North American Christian Convention, this gathering will celebrate our common heritage of faith with our a cappella brothers.

The theme of the event is the same at it was 50 years ago — "Saved to Save." Main speakers include: Paul Williams from the Orchard Group and Standard Publishing, Patrick Mead from Rochester Church of Christ, and Mark Christian from Great Lakes Christian College.

The convention will be held at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland, Michigan on April 21–22, 2006. This is an excellent location with adequate facilities for you to bring your family. There will be on-site swimming pools, health club, movie theater, bowling alley, and miniature golf. There is even an RV park available on-site if you wish to camp out in your RV.

WOMEN'S SPRING CELEBRATION: APRIL 28



Our theme this year is "Quilting a Legacy Together" with Dr. Esther Hetrick and a number of our musical groups from the College. It will be a wonderful evening to enjoy some of the fabulous talent of the students from GLCC. We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Women's banquet this year and we are still asking everyone to send or e-mail those special memories of past Banquets/Celebrations. We really want to hear from you!

Also, if you or your quilting group would like to make a quilt or afghan, we will give them away to our students. We are planning to display these items and take pictures of you and the student who will receive it.

Come share the evening with us as we review what 50 years of the Women's Banquet/Celebration has accomplished. The offering this year will buy sofas for the men's residence hall. We look forward to seeing you and reuniting with many friends. Please feel free to invite your daughters and other ladies to come enjoy the evening with us. It will be a wonderful evening together!

The date to mark on your calendar is Friday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. The cost for our program is \$12.00 per person. Please send your reservations by April 14th and notification of memories and quilts by April 1st to Pat Goff at pgoff@glcc.edu or (517) 321-0242 ext. 248.

"You are God's temple and the Holy Spirit dwells in you."

— 1 Corinthians 3:16–17

In the last issue of *The Key*, I discussed the significance of the church as the family of God. In this article, I want to explain the meaning of the church as the temple of God. The basic implication of this image is that God dwells in the church through the Holy Spirit. Ancient people, including the Israelites, thought that their temples housed the presence of their gods. Therefore, this image reminds us that the Holy Spirit dwells in each Christian individually and in the church corporately.

In 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul reminds his readers that "you are God's temple and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you." The pronoun "you" is plural. God is present among the community of believers. Since they are the temple of God, they should not divide the church: "If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person." This warning is addressed to believers who were dividing into various factions. This is not a warning addressed to unbelievers who are persecuting the church (although it may apply to them also).

Paul uses this image again in Ephesians 2:19–22. Here he stresses that Jews and Gentiles have equal access to the presence of God in the church. They are a "household of God" built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus as the cornerstone. Since they are part of the same structure, believers are interconnected and united with each other. They are "built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."

The temple imagery reminds us that Christians are connected with each other. Therefore, the church should reflect that spiritual unity outwardly. The imagery also reminds us that Christians are connected with God. He dwells among them and binds them together. Consequently, we should revere the church as a holy community that must not be defiled with dissension and division.

By Dr. Greg Linton Vice President of Academic Affairs

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

Dr. Dan Cameron attended the American Academy of Religion annual Meeting in Philadelphia, November 18–21.

Dr. Kendi Howells Douglas, served on the Board of National Missionary Convention in Atlanta — brought 12 students. She also spoke on "The Missional Church" as the featured speaker at a missions conference in Austin, Minnesota in October.

Alvin Kuest was the point person for Children's Ministry Magazine Live Workshop held here on October 15th. It was very successful and he is heading up Church Volunteer Central on March 25 and another CMML on October 14th. He has also written three chapters in a Teachers Guide for a Human Learning and Development textbook: "Experiencing the Life Span" published by Worth Publishers.

Dr. Greg Linton attended the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in November. He also wrote the following articles "Roads and Highways," in Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books, ed. Bill T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson (InterVarsity Press, 2005); "House Church Meetings in the New Testament Era," Stone-Campbell Journal 8 (Fall 2005): 229-44.



Jim Myers, former employee of Great Lakes Christian College, died in November at age 86 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Jim held various positions at GLCC including President

Pro Tempore (1966–1967), Business Manager (1967–1971), Dean of Students (1971–1973), Business Manager and Director of Planned Giving (1974–1977), and Vice President of Development (1978–1985). We appreciate the years Jim invested in Great Lakes Christian College.

Debbie Allen (BRE 1976)

completed a yearlong residency with Lutheran Hospital of Indiana as a chaplain in August 2005. Since completing the training, she has received Ecclesiastical Endorsement from the Christian Churches /Churches of Christ and is pursuing full certification as a Chaplain. She lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana and is actively pursing a pastoral care position.

Carol Ridenour (BRE 1977) is battling stage four ovarian cancer. She is recovering from surgery and hopes to return to work in late February. She lives in Kendallville, Indiana.

On August 1st, **Fred** (ARE 1979) and Bonnie **Zimmerman** began their 26th year of ministry with the South Redford Christian Church in Redford, Michigan.

1970's

Thomas (BRE 1983) andShaRhonda McNerney along1992

with their children Alisa, Anna, and Sam, celebrated 10 years of ministry with the Algonac Church of Christ in November. Tom is the Preaching Minister and Rhonda is Worship and Music Coordinator.

Janet Merritt, wife of **Ray Merritt** (APT 1986), passed away on November 17, 2005. Ray ministers at the Gilmore Church of Christ in Farwell, Michigan.

1980's

Sharlene Stowell (BRE

1992) received her Masters of Science in Accounting from the University of Cincinnati on Dec 10, 2005.

Shannon Haynie (BRE 1995) is a missionary for Pioneer Bible Translators in Simferopol, Ukraine. She is coming to the US for furlough from mid-April–October 8. She is available to speak at churches, camps, VBSs, or to visit with old friends. If you would like her contact information, please e-mail key@glcc.edu.

Steve Young (BRE/AA 1999), Director of Elementary Ministries at Southeast Christian Church, spoke at the February 22nd meeting of the Greater Lansing Children's Ministry Connection. This is a fellowship of area children's ministers, directors, pastors, and volunteers that meets on a quarterly basis.

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Sam Long (BRE/AA 2000) taught an Old Testament Survey class at Milligan College in Tennessee.

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Current student **Clay** and **Colleen** (2004) **McCoy** welcomed baby boy Ezekiel ReaBenn on November 29, 2005.

Pamela (Volz, 1991 BRE) and lain Avers had their second child on December 13, 2005. Thomas Charles weighed in at 8 lbs and 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins three-yearold sister, Shayla Marie.

Tim (1981–1986) and Tina Saltsman welcomed Elizabeth Elaine on September 17, 2005. She joins nine brothers and sisters.

FUTURE CRUSADERS **B.J. George** (BRE 2003) and current student **Beth** (**Martin**) began their new life together as husband and wife on September 24, 2005.

VEDDING BELLS

Dan Nicksich (BRE 1987) had devotions published in the Fall 2005 issue of *Devotions*, the Winter 2005–2006 issue of *Secret Place*, and a short article in the January 22, 2006 issue of *Evangel*.

Dan Schantz (1960–1964) wrote "The Lesson and the Life" for the *Lookout* November 27–December 18. He is professor of Christian Education, Old Testament, and Literature at Central Christian College in Moberly, Missouri. He and His wife Sharon (BSL 1964) have two daughters and four grandchildren.

RITINGS



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Congratulations to the **Lake Area Christian Church** on their two year anniversary!

Community Christian Church presented GLCC with a \$500.00 check for the Doty Center on January 15.



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Susan Gilpin (1980–1981) — Died June 10, 2005. Husband, David (1978–1985), Brother, Phil (BRE 1978), Sister, Janice (BRE 1982), Daughter, Amanda (AA 2005) and Jared presently attending GLCC. Other children: Sarah & Isaac Mike Church (BRE 1979) — Died June 28, 2005. Wife **Pat** (Ely 1977–1979)

Keith Briggs (1952–1953)

passed away on October
17, 2005.

Tina (Cashen, 1986–1987) Sell lost her battle with breast cancer in November at the age of 38. She lived in Clare, Michigan with her husband and two children.

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March	
13–31	Preregistration for Fall Semester
25	Volunteer Central
26	"Reaching the Mark" GLCC Offering Day
April	

2–8	Week of Outreach 2
19	Admissions Open House
21–22	Michigan Christian Convention
28	Women's Spring Celebration
28	Board of Trustees Meeting

May	
4	Honors Chapel
5	Senior Showcase
9–11	Finals
12	Alumni Graduate Reception
13	Commencement
23–June 9	Summer Term

June	
11–23	Misseo Dei Missions Camp
11–23	Promise Music Camp
23	Promise Home Concert
25–30	Student Statesmanship Institute (session 1)
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July	
8	Early Registration
9—14	Student Statesmanship Institute (session 2)
23–28	Student Statesmanship Institute (session 3)
August	
10–11	Outpost—High School Leadership Retreat

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12	Golf Benefit
24	New Students Registration
28	Returning Students Registration
29	Classes Begin
29	Convocation

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