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## INSIGHTS

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*"A Question of Price Versus Cost"*

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by Steve Henderson *Christianity Today*, March 2006.

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We have had a lot of prospective students visiting our campus this spring. This is the time of year when many high school seniors finally make their decision on which college to attend. It is a stressful time for them and their parents. One of the things that weighs heavily on their minds is the cost of a college education. Unfortunately, it is a matter of concern for everyone. The cost of a college education has skyrocketed! In spite of the determined efforts of those responsible to keep costs as low as possible, the reality is that increases have become the norm, especially in a private Christian college where state subsidies are not available. The question that must be answered by parents and students is, "Is it worth it?" Is it worth the money to attend a private Christian college when one could attend a community college or state university for much less? The real question is, "What cost are we talking about?"

My oldest son attended a public university right out of high school. At the time, he didn't even consider attending a Christian college. While he received a good secular education he experienced something else as well. He experienced an environment where Christians were ridiculed and unholy behavior was encouraged. Living with non-Christian roommates and being taught by unbelieving professors finally took its toll. He lost his faith. After graduation he continued in his unbelief for several years until a dramatic family experience brought him back. He has since said, "Dad, why didn't you make me go to a Christian college?!" Obviously he feels that had he gone to a Christian college he wouldn't have experienced those dark years of faithlessness. Now, I know that not everyone who attends a secular college or university will experience what my son did. We have excellent campus ministries that can help students survive the attacks that will come against

their faith. But, there are many who don't. How many parents consider the cost of attending a public college or university when their son's or daughter's faith might hang in the balance?

Steve Henderson, President of Christian Consulting for Colleges and Ministries, wrote an article for *Christianity Today* in which he talks about the value of a Christian college education. He cites the work of a fellow researcher who, after an extensive study, found that 52% of incoming freshmen who identify themselves as Christians upon entering a public university will no longer identify themselves as such four years later. He concludes his article by writing, "Let us not underestimate the magnitude of the problem. Of the approximately 400,000 graduating high school seniors who would identify themselves as Christians, only 15%, about 65,000, will attend any type of Christian college. If we lose them at the 52% public university drop rate that means that at least 175,000 Christian young people will move away from faith." Those statistics should cause concern. Yes, there is a cost to consider — a tremendous cost. Parents need to understand the important place our Christian colleges have in inculcating a Christian world-view into the hearts and minds of their children. But other individuals and churches need to understand it as well. The cost of a Christian college education wouldn't be as great if every Christian or church would invest in the lives of their students by increasing their support. More scholarships could be offered to those wanting a Christian college education. Some people of means could fund a Bible chair or underwrite mission trips. Together we could make a Christian college education more affordable. Consider the cost if we don't.

*By Larry Carter  
President*



Top row: Kristopher Bargaen, Brian Zylstra, Sabrina Mudd, Matthew Howard, Jamey Foster, Andrew Meek, Craig Rogghe, Brenda Rudd.; Middle row: Travis Fox, Paul Funk, Jeremiah Kissling, Jesse DeYoung, Elizabeth Cooper, John

Schaaf, Marcie Bray, Isaias Gabriel, Erin Conlin.; Bottom row: Conrad Gonzales, Jennifer Bryan, Erica Kissling, Francisco Reynoso Marte, Rhonda Vance, Laura Kellicut, Meggin Schaaf, Amanda Salvaggio, Ashley Greene, Melody Sovis

# GRADUATION DAY 2006

The day dawned cold and drizzly, but we were quickly warmed by the hearts of family and friends who came to celebrate this occasion. The air was filled with the excitement of several years of work finally come to completion.

Brett DeYoung (BRE 1979) was the main speaker for the day. He is the Edification Team Leader at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY. He has been a trustee for the college and is also the father of one of this year's graduates, Jesse.

In preparation for his speech he took the time to e-mail all 30 graduates and ask them some questions. The

answers to all are a testament to the atmosphere of GLCC. The first question was "who was the most influential during your years at GLCC?" The answers varied so much that it was obvious that there is no one person who molds and shapes our students. Every professor has left a fingerprint on each of our graduates. The second question, "What was your most influential class?" also had varied answers revealing that there are many classes that have impacted their lives and our professors go out of their way to meet our students where they are. Our graduates favorite attributes of

GLCC included people, relationships, professors that are "real" inside and outside of the classroom, location, and the size of the school. But overall, the greatest lesson learned by all of our graduates was a deep personal relationship with God and deep relationships with each other. They have truly learned to love the Lord God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love their neighbor as themselves.

We encourage our graduates to pass on the knowledge they have gained and touch the lives of all they meet.

Kristopher J. Bargaen, Lansing, MI  
BS, Minor: Music  
Marcie Lynn Bray ^, Dearborn, MI  
BS Interpersonal and Organizational Communication  
Jennifer A. Bryan, Dimondale, MI  
BS Interpersonal and Organizational Communication  
Jaclyn Kristine Clough, Bailey, MI  
Associate of Arts  
Erin Alisha Conlin, Lansing, MI  
BS Music  
Elizabeth Ann Cooper, Holt, MI  
BS Psychology/Counseling  
Jesse John DeYoung +, Louisville, KY  
BS Christian Ministries  
Jamey Marie Foster\*, Canandaigua, NY  
BS Cross-Cultural Ministry  
Travis John Fox, Charlotte, MI  
BS Youth Ministry  
Paul M. Funk, Morris, IL  
BS Interpersonal and Organizational Communication  
Isaias Gabriel, Santiago, Dominican Republic  
BRE Youth Ministry

Conrad J. Gonzales, Jr. +, Battle Creek, MI  
BRE Christian Ministries  
Ashley Sue Greene, North Branch, MI  
BS Cross-Cultural Ministry  
Matthew Thomas Howard, Louisville, KY  
BS Christian Ministries, Minor: Music  
Laura Ann Kellicut\*, Deford, MI  
BS Psychology/Counseling  
Erica Marie Kissling + Saluatorian, St. Louis, MI  
BS Interpersonal and Organizational Communication  
Jeremiah David Kissling ^, Lansing, MI  
BS Christian Ministries  
Andrew A. Meek, Columbiana, OH  
BS Youth Ministry  
Sabrina Alisa Mudd ^, Midland, MI  
BS Music  
Daniel J. Nordeen, Lansing, MI  
Associate of Arts  
Francisco A. Reynoso Marte, Santiago, Dominican Republic  
BS Christian Education

Craig Russell Rogghe ^, Eastpointe, MI  
BS Christian Ministries  
Brenda Lou Rudd, Lansing, MI  
ARE AMP Pastoral Ministry Track  
Amanda Joy Salvaggio, South Haven, MI  
BS Music  
John Louis Schaaf ^, Lansing, MI  
BS Christian Ministries  
Meggin Leigh Schaaf + Valedictorian, Lansing, MI  
BS History, Minor: Humanities  
Melody Hope Sovis, Oakley, MI  
BS Psychology/Counseling  
Pamela M. St. Louis ^, Lansing, MI  
BS Psychology/Counseling  
Rhonda Kay Vance\*, Albion, MI  
BS Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, Psychology/Counseling  
Brian Scott Zylstra +, Byron Center, MI  
BS, Minor: Christian Ministries

(All BRE and BS graduates have a Bible/Theology Major)  
\*Cum laude ^ Magna cum laude +Summa cum laude





2003 at Trinity



1970 at the Armory



1989 at the Civic Center



1981 Beavers

# 50<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN'S SPRING BLANKETS COLLEGE

This spring, students at Great Lakes Christian College felt blanketed with warmth and prayer from women throughout the region.

The annual Women's Spring Celebration — held April 28 in Lansing — earned the name "Quilting a Legacy Together." The celebration collected 77 quilts that night to share with students at the College, each stitched together with love by quilting groups at supporting churches. More than 300 people

attended the evening's events, which included musical selections by students at the College and a quilt parade.

Judy Carter, chair of the Spring Celebration, announced the number of quilts donated and said, "You have overwhelmed us, and this shows the love you have for our College and for the students."

A highlight of the night came when those women who made quilts got to present their work to the students. Said Bonnie Ream of the Memorial

Church of Christ, "I think that's the extra blessing in doing this. You pray for the College and for the students, but this makes it much more personal. Getting to meet the students is the frosting on the cake."

Dolly Nicholson of the Ferris Church of Christ helped to present a quilt that several people had signed. "We were trying to figure out a way to make it personal," she said. She added, "I hope you all enjoy them and that they keep you warm."

Holt Christian Church donated three quilts to our students.



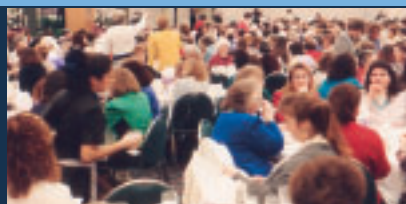




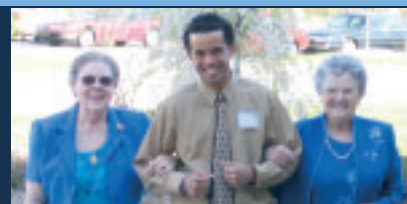
Family



1976 Mike Washburn and Margaret Hoyt



1993 at the Kellogg Center



Ireen Telfer of the Owosso Church of Christ and student Isaías Rojas and Pat Delcamp walking in to Trinity Church. Ireen attended the first banquet, and "I've been supporting it ever since." She and Ruth Doty were recognized as attending that first banquet 50 years ago.

# ING CELEBRATION E WITH BLESSINGS

Student Beth George received a quilt from the Saginaw Bay Church of Christ that had been worked on by young children. "This touches my heart," she said during the quilt parade.

The offering this year will purchase sofas for the men's residence hall. More than \$10,000 was raised that night for that project.

As a special feature of the 50th anniversary of the first Women's Banquet, organizers had asked for

women to submit memories of past banquets and celebrations, and those were read aloud, including:

- Memories of singers wearing dotted Swiss dresses.
- Gayleen Beavers and the whole family singing and playing the piano and the guitar for the attendees.
- Members of the College's men's chorus singing "Showers of Blessings" with words slightly enhanced by Esther Hetrick, music professor at the College, during the year the

offering benefited the men's residence showers and bathrooms.

- The highest one-night offering total, over \$26,000, in 1984.
- And, one guest looked to the future, "I am looking forward to one day attending the celebration in the Doty Building."

Over the years, this event has raised more than \$500,000 for College projects, the extra touches that enrich the lives of students and campus buildings.



Duplain Church of Christ labored on 15 quilts for our students.



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## UPDATES

*God has provided over \$3.5 million  
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than ever before...*

Great Lakes Christian College is on the final lap of the Partnering to Change Lives campaign—year four. God has provided over \$3.5 million in the four 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.

Our challenge right now is to complete our fund raising efforts for the Doty Center without compromising our general fund. We believe it can be done but we are far short from our mark! Our timing is God's timing. One aspect of our strategy to raise the remaining funds for the Doty Center (gymnasium/event center) was through a special GLCC offering given on March 26, 2006 by certain churches who committed to this challenge. I want to thank the following thirty churches for their participation in this special appeal.

Bangor Church of Christ  
Ionia County Christian Church  
Comstock Church of Christ  
Ypsilanti First Christian Church  
Novesta Church of Christ  
West Lansing Church of Christ  
Sturgis Church of Christ  
Pleasantview Church of Christ  
South Lansing Christian Church  
Benzie Area Church of Christ  
Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ  
Ferris Church of Christ  
Charlotte Church of Christ  
Valparaiso Central Christian Church  
Barryton Church of Christ  
Westlawn Church of Christ  
Weston Church of Christ  
Oakland Dr. Church of Christ  
River Crossing Christian Church  
Escanaba Church of Christ  
S. Redford Church of Christ  
Meridian Christian Church  
DeWitt Christian Church  
Cedar Lake Church of Christ  
Kalkaska Church of Christ  
Buchanan Church of Christ  
Oakland Christian Fellowship  
Christ's Church at Butler  
McBride Church of Christ  
Duplain Church of Christ

These churches assisted us in **"Reaching the Mark"** for the Doty Center. The total of their contributions for this special challenge was over \$70,000. We praise God for all who participated and moved us closer to our goal.

This project means so much to our students that we praise God for the churches and individuals that gave it priority consideration. We will need an additional \$900,000 to move ahead with ground breaking. We have the architect ready to go and they are waiting for our fund-raising efforts to be completed. We encourage individuals and churches to continue giving their committed amount and others to consider a priority gift for the Doty Center. If you would like to know more about our position in the campaign or would like to contribute to the Doty Center, please contact me at (517) 321-0242 extension 215 or [pbeavers@glcc.edu](mailto:pbeavers@glcc.edu).

*By Phil Beavers  
Vice President of Institutional  
Advancement*

### Dean's List Fall 2005 (Fulltime Students – 3.5 GPA or higher)

Akins, Dan	Kissling, Kathryn
Bennett, Sarah	Kituri, Esther
Bray, Marcie	Klepai, Joel
Bruin Jr., James	Kyriakides, Mario
Casler, Patricia	Lauritzen, Joel
Clack, Jenny	Lehman, Katie
Clough, Jaclyn	Lenski, Mary
Davis, Robert	Lumley, Ryan
Dewitt, Adam	Middaugh, Janet
Donald, Jessie	Mudd, Sabrina
Fischer, Barbie	Neuenschwander, Addy
Foster, Jamey	Owens, Carmen
Fox, Travis	Paget, Mark
French, Joanna	Robbe, Corban
Gates, Jared	Robinson, Emily
Harris, Gene	Rowe, Justin
Hatter, Jon	Schaaf, John
Henry, Bethany	Schaaf, Meggin
Ickes, Jordan	Schroder, Arthur
Kellicut, Laura	Shafer, Lee
Kissling, Erica	
Kissling, Jeremiah	





GLCC presents the 2006 Divine Servant Award to Tom Chamberlin.

## DIVINE SERVANT: TOM CHAMBERLIN

*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. It was Dr. Doty who epitomized the servant-leader model and who helped to incorporate it into the mindset of those who would follow his example. This award is the highest and most prestigious this college has to offer.*

Tom Served two ministries while a student at GLCC. One was with the Henderson Church of Christ and the other with the Gilmore and Farwell Churches of Christ. Tom became Farwell's first full-time minister half way through his Senior year at GLCC. Tom graduated Magna cum laude in 1974 and was co-salutatorian.

Tom and his wife Marilyn ministered to the Farwell church for over five years and then began their life's work in missions. They served seven years in Mexico City in new church work and leadership training. While in Mexico City, Tom taught Greek – in Spanish – at an area institute. While on furlough Tom and Marilyn became Resident Supervisors at GLCC from 1986-1989 where Tom also taught part-time and oversaw campus security.

In January 1990 they headed to Chile for nearly eight years of mission service in new church work. Tom, along with other missionaries, started Centro Betania, a leadership training institute near Santiago Chile. Upon returning from mission service in Chile, Tom and Marilyn became the Field Coordinators for Latin America serving with Team Expansion based in Louisville, KY. He is in his ninth year shepherding and serving over 40 adult missionaries and serving on eight teams in six different countries.



Greg Linton

## BITTERSWEET GOODBYES

We regret to announce two resignations from the ranks of our GLCC family. Dr. Greg Linton, VP of Academic Affairs, will begin his new duties as professor of New Testament at Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tennessee on July 1, 2006. Greg joined the staff of GLCC in 1999 as professor of New Testament and then was asked to become VP of Academic Affairs in 2003. Greg has contributed in so many ways to the program and faculty development along with leading us in many aspects of assessment and growth. His leadership at the college will be missed.

Also resigning is Ted Troxell, associate professor of music. Ted joined the faculty in 2003. Dr. Esther Hetrick, professor of music, says "Ted's experience and training really enriched the musical offerings of GLCC. He mentored and encouraged many students, not only as he taught in the classroom, but as he made music with them--in chapel worship, the jazz ensemble, or rehearsals in preparation for choir tour." We appreciate the years that Ted has invested in GLCC. Ted and his family will continue to live and serve in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

## GLCC & IBFD PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

We are happy to announce a unique partnership between Great Lakes Christian College and the Institute for Black Family Development (IBFD) of Detroit, Michigan. IBFD serves the church by meeting the needs of the African American community by providing training, technical assistance, products, and resources to church leaders, executives, managers, and other key staff members of Christian organizations.

The most effective way to implement a program successfully in the African American community is to gain the respect and trust of the target community and to provide its residents the potential for empowerment. African American churches can provide that opportunity. They represent the community in the arenas of public policy, housing, and citizen participation in the nation's civic life.

This program will be structured and delivered to target the needs of church leaders who must manage multiple responsibilities to their families, their occupations, their communities, and their churches. The collaboration between IBFD and GLCC will provide an academic and career program designed to prepare adult learners for leadership and service in Detroit and surrounding regions of Michigan. The degree offered through our adult learning program will be the Associate of Arts in Family Life Education.

The admission requirements for this program include being 25 years-of-age or older and desiring to serve in a professional or volunteer ministry. Applicants must meet the standard entry requirements for all GLCC students (ACT or SAT not required) and have prior education or vocational experience that demonstrates ability to exercise leadership along with a verifiable church-related background.

Great Lakes Christian College is excited about this opportunity to extend our mission to serve a segment of the population not currently served adequately by the College or any other institution. Primarily, the students of this program will be African American ministers and church leaders from within the Detroit city limits who are associated with the mission and activities of the Institute for Black Family Development. The first classes will begin in July 14, 2006. Enrollment procedures begin by calling the GLCC Admissions Department, 1-800-YES-GLCC.



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## LEADERS

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*What kind of training do  
church leaders need?*

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"Will you serve as an Elder... Ministry Team Leader... Youth Sponsor?"

"I've never done that... not sure I'm qualified. I don't know a lot about leadership."

"Don't worry. Once you get in the position you'll learn what to do. It won't take long to 'get the hang' of it."

"I suppose you're right. OK, I'll give it a try."

Similar scenarios play out many times in churches across the land. Unfortunately, people injected into leadership roles in this manner seldom

receive needed training. They do their best, but their effort lacks effectiveness because no one teaches them the skill of leadership.

Leadership is a *learned* skill! It does not come naturally. There are no born leaders. Capable leaders learned leadership skills somewhere, either through conscious effort or a subconscious process of absorption.

Unfortunately, large numbers of churches struggle unnecessarily with a variety of issues, challenges, and even turmoil because people in leadership roles have not learned good leadership skills. Sincere, dedicated, Christ-loving people make major leadership mistakes simply because they are not adequately trained.

What kind of training do church leaders need?

The most obvious is training in the Word of God. Church leaders need to know it... how to study it... how to live it... how to teach it. However, leadership training must not stop there. Even though Scripture includes leadership principles, the practical application of these is a skill requiring additional instruction.

Understanding the process of leading people through change is a second major area where training is needed. This needs special emphasis because it is the leader's primary responsibility. Fundamentally, leadership is the process whereby one person influences another to move from one place to another... in other words, to change.

Skilled leaders are able to lead people effectively through change because they understand the appropriate leadership principles. First, they understand what leaders must be and do. Secondly, they understand the dynamics of people's group responses, both individually and organizationally. Finally, they understand the processes to be followed in executing successful change. Capable leaders have learned

the skill of effectively applying these principles to all situations.

The good news is that we live in a time when there is an abundance of leadership training resources designed to teach the principles of leadership. Christian colleges, church camps, publishing houses, and other parachurch organizations sponsor leadership events. The internet provides many training resources (Ex: Building ChurchLeaders.com). Large numbers of books, videos, and magazines focusing on leadership skills are available.

Church leaders who want more personalized training can receive leadership instruction in a variety of ways. It can be included in the agenda of their regular meetings. They can visit and observe churches guided by skilled leaders. Teacher-trainers can be brought to their own church for special instructional events. (Ex: A leadership training seminar can focus on the special needs unique to their church.)

Thankfully, we have passed the day when church leaders must stumble along learning leadership skills by the trial and error method. With so many excellent training resources available only one final ingredient is required... desire. People in leadership roles who will put forth the effort to grasp training opportunities can learn how to use effective leadership skills in the Lord's church.

*by Jerry M. Paul  
Former GLCC President*

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## WEEK OF OUTREACH

Once again this year, GLCC students, faculty, and staff spread out across the country and the world to minister in the name of Jesus Christ. From prayers and preaching to music and manual labor, the campus family used their many gifts to bless others.

GLCC students and staff participated in the relief efforts in the east New Orleans area. Their efforts included "mudding out" homes affected by the hurricanes. The homes contained as much as 7 – 8 inches of mud and sewage left after the waters receded. Because the homes had been closed up for such a long time there was also excessive mold growing. The houses had to be completely gutted down to the studs. The group was able to help clean up four houses. According to Lloyd Scharer, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, the best part was being able to pray with the homeowners and let them know someone cared about them.

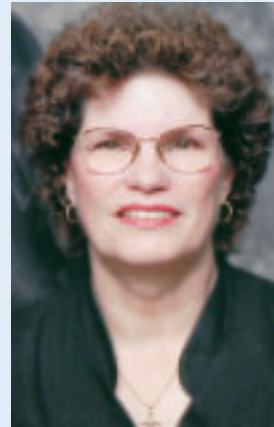
Professor Alvin Kuest sponsored this year's trip to the Dominican Republic in February. He says their trip was "a fabulous trip, a learning trip." He and five students worked with GO Ministries in a variety of activities ranging from teaching and preaching to manual labor. They led children's Bible clubs in communities built on active dump sites. The last part of the week, the group helped in the effort to build a fourth floor onto the GO Ministries building by hauling cement block up the three stories to the top of the building. The new floor will house offices for this active mission organization.

Other students had the unique opportunity to travel to Cuba where they spent time in door-to-door evangelism and participated in local house churches. Freshman Ivy Burke considers her Week of Outreach experience in Cuba one of the best parts of her first year of college. She related that the churches in Cuba are closely watched by the government and, in fact, during one of the house church services officials showed up and announced that they could no longer meet in the same location. Despite hardships, faith is alive in this nearby island nation. Ivy says "it was good to see God working in Cuba."

On the other side of the equator, a group of professors and students spent the week working hard in Kenya. They laid the foundation for a house for GLCC alum, Peter Chege, and his wife, Jane, who minister in their home country. Admissions office manager Judy Carter and professor George Brown estimated they mixed and poured close to 400 wheelbarrows of cement. The team was rewarded for their labors with the opportunity to view some of Africa's native wildlife in the Masai Mara including elephant, giraffe, gazelle, zebra, and lions that came within feet of their vehicles. Experiencing Kenya's event-oriented culture as opposed to America's time-orientation was what stood out most to senior Rhonda Vance. She brought home with her the conviction that "people are more important than time." Judy Carter said that the people were the highlight of the trip for her, as well: "It was fun 'roughing it' in the tents with others from GLCC and from Kenya, and it was so neat to worship with the people in Kenya. They are so joyful with so little."



## MINISTRY WIVES



Nedra Melton

Save this date — November 3 & 4, 2006 will be GLCC's annual Ministry Wives' Retreat.

Nedra Melton of Joplin, Missouri, will be the main speaker addressing the theme, "Temptations of the Minister's Wife." Come and enjoy a rich time of inspiration, fellowship, worship, and renewal.

## THE OUTPOST - AUGUST 10-11 ON THE CAMPUS OF GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

This is a weekend designed for youth group core leaders and their youth minister. This 36-hour event will focus on practical leadership training which can be used by your entire youth group. We will explore team building, prayer, service, evangelism, and organization within any local youth group. The cost is minimal at \$20.00 per person and includes a t-shirt, meals, and lodging.

Check out the website [www.glcc.edu](http://www.glcc.edu) for information and registration forms. Call 1-800-YES-GLCC (1-800-937-4522) or e-mail us at [admissions@glcc.edu](mailto:admissions@glcc.edu) with any questions.

## SENIOR SAINTS

Please plan on bringing your seniors group to GLCC on August 5. Our day will begin at 9 a.m. with a time of worship and sharing in the Word with Ron Fisher. Dawn Saylor, Constituent Representative from Congressman Schwartz's office, will then address Social Security and Medicare information. She is an authority on this topic and will be a great source of information followed by a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided. Our day will conclude with an optional "field trip" to Woldumar Nature Center for a guided tour by GLCC's Dr. Larry Martin. This will be an informative and fun outing for you and your seniors group.

GLCC students and faculty Liz Klauka, Trisha Prickett, Jessica Donald, Professor Kendi Howells Douglas, Jessica Rodgers, and friend of GLCC Matt Russian mix cement in Kenya.



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## SCHOLARSHIP

*“For those who feel that their  
spiritual gift is less important,  
Paul reminds them that each  
member of the body is necessary  
for the body to function properly.”*

In previous issues of *The Key*, I have discussed two images used by Paul to describe the church: family and temple. In this article, we will examine the significance of the image of body. Paul first uses this image in 1 Corinthians 12 in the context of his discussion on spiritual gifts. In verses 12 and 13, he uses the image to illustrate the unity of the church. Although the church is made up of individuals, those people are bonded together because they all received the same Spirit in their baptism.

In verses 14–19, Paul uses the image to encourage those who may feel inferior because of their gift. For those who feel that their spiritual gift is less important, Paul reminds them that each member of the body is necessary for the body to function properly. In this section, he stresses diversity within the body.

In verses 20–26, he uses the image to admonish those who feel superior so that they will accept the gifts of others. He reminds them that they could not get along without the contributions of those who have “lesser” gifts. In this section, he stresses the unity of the body.

Another emphasis of this image is that believers experience intimate union with Christ. We are the body of Christ. We belong to Christ. We are one with him. We have all been baptized *into one body*. We have been identified and united with Christ. We have been incorporated into him through the work of the Spirit that operates during the act of baptism.

The image of the body occurs also in Romans 12:4–8; Colossians 1:15–20; and Ephesians 1:20–23 (also 2:16; 3:6; 4:12, 15–16, 19; 5:23, 30). In all these passages, the image emphasizes diversity-within-unity and intimate union with Christ. It is a rich, meaningful image that reminds us that we are not isolated believers but that we experience a deep, spiritual bond with each other and with Christ.

By Dr. Greg Linton  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

## B E Y O N D T H E

**Judy Beavers** (BRE 1978), Director of Outreach Ministries/Instructor in Piano, facilitated a workshop at the National Church Music Conference in Indianapolis.

**Dr. Dan Cameron**, Professor of Theology and Ministry, attended the Midwest Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Grand Rapids and also the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in Cincinnati in March. He was a guest lecturer at the Campus Ministry outreach meeting at Olivet College. He also attended the Michigan Christian Convention in Midland in April.

**Betsy Carter** (Riggs, BRE 1999) taught the workshop How to be Mary in a Martha World on Saturday morning at the Michigan Christian Convention.

**Brian Carter** (BRE 1999) was on the worship team for Friday night’s service at the Michigan Christian Convention.

**Mark Christian** (BRE 1987), Associate Professor of IOC, attended the Higher Learning Commission’s Self-study Seminar with Greg Linton, VPAA; David Richards, Director of Assessment and Technology; and Marie Riggs, Administrative Secretary in Chicago on April 1. He was also a main speaker at the Michigan Christian Convention in Midland, Michigan. He spoke on the topic of Saved to Glorify on April 22.

**Stephanie Hall**, Instructor of English, attended the Festival of Faith and Writing at Calvin College in Grand Rapids in April.

**Dr. Kendi Howells Douglas**, Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry, had four articles published in the *Lookout* in May. She also participated in the mission trip to Kenya.

## CLASSROOM

**Dr. Lloyd Knowles**, Professor of History, gave lectures on church history for the Perspectives In World Missions classes held in Brighton, Davison, Roseville, East Lansing, and Northville, Michigan.

In January, **Dr. Alvin Kuest**, Professor of Christian Education, attended a training conference for Children's Magazine Workshop to be held October 21, 2006 at GLCC. In February, he sponsored and traveled with a group of students to the Dominican Republic to work with G.O. Ministries. He also participated in the sending-out ceremony for Lisa Engle (BRE 2005) who will work with G.O. Ministries. In March, he attended the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in Cincinnati. He also sponsored Church Volunteer Central Workshop at GLCC. In April, he taught a GLCC extension class on Leadership at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

**John Nugent** (BRE 1995), Associate Professor of Old Testament, led A Journey Through Scripture Seminar for Delta Community Church, attended the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in Cincinnati, and also led the workshop, "The Missional Church," at the Michigan Christian Convention.

**James Orme**, Director of Library Services, attended the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in Cincinnati.

## FORMER STAFF

Former music professor (1972-1974), **John Wakefield**, wrote "The More We Change..." for the Christian Standard on January 22, 2006. He is currently an associate professor at Milligan College in Tennessee.

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## ALUMNI

*Send alumni news to [lscharer@glcc.edu](mailto:lscharer@glcc.edu)*

Shelley Gates passed away Easter morning. She will be remembered with love by many in the GLCC family. The **Gates family** has a long legacy with the College including **Craig** (BRE 1982) and **Rhonda (Scott, ARE 1981)**, **Sandy Skiver** (1966-1971), **Lori Hick** (1974), David Gates, **Jim Gates** (1970-1971), and many grandchildren including current students **Jared** and **Chris Gates**.

**Ernest L. Barrett** (BCE 1968) of Seaman, OH, died March 6, 2006. He ministered churches in New Point, IN; Payne, OH; Lucerne, IN; Lockport, IL; Ferris, IL; Montpelier, OH; and Seaman, OH. He is survived by his widow, Pat (Beck) Barrett; four children, **Edward** (BRE 1996) of Etna Green, IN; Mark; Kristy Maynard; Jeff; and eight grandchildren.

**Sally Garman** (BCE 1968) has officially become a resident of Marshall, Michigan. She invites anyone who happens to be in the area to drop in for a visit.

## 1960s

**Ron Otto** (BRE 1986) and **Terry Strickler** (APT 1983) performed in the "Odd Couple" for Mason (Michigan) Civic Players on March 25-27, 2006. Terry played Felix and Ron had a supporting role.

## 1980s

**Jenny Baker** (BS 2005) is the part-time Youth Minister at Lennon Wesleyan Church in Lennon, Michigan. The church is a small church with a lot of potential. The congregation has huge hearts and share Jenny's passion and love for Christ. She is so excited to be working with kids again, and can't wait to see what God has in store.

**Jonathan Robinson** (BRE 2005) arrived in Incheon, South Korea on February 22, 2006. He is teaching K-12 English.

**Luke Elie** (2003) and **J.J. (Dick, BRE 2005) Davis** arrived in South Korea on January 21, 2006. They are both teaching Kindergarten.

**Meggin Schaaf** (BS 2006) received a full tuition scholarship to pursue master's work in History at East Tennessee State University.

**John Schaaf** (BS 2006) received Emmanuel School of Religion's Fig Leaf scholarship which provides tuition for one year of master's work.

**Jordan Kellicut** (BRE 2005) received the Alexander Campbell Scholarship which provides full tuition to pursue master's work at Emmanuel School of Religion.

## 2000s

Congratulations to Charlotte Church of Christ on their 50th anniversary on May 21, 2006.

## CHURCH NEWS

Riley and Gracie announce the birth of their new little brother, Jacob Carter Krill, on February 1, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs. and 5 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. **Amanda (Arthur, 1995-1997)** and **Jeremy Krill** (BRE 1998) are the proud parents.

Madison Ann was born on February 10, 2006 to current student, **Ron Bekkering** and wife Amee. She weighed 9 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 21.25 inches long. She has lots of dark hair. Mom, big sister, and Dad are all doing well. "It's such a great blessing to see what the Lord does."

**Eric** (BRE 1998) and Tammie **Snyder** had a baby boy. Cooper David Snyder was born January 16, 2006 weighing 6 lbs. and was 20 inches long. His older sisters, Morgan Riley (3 1/2) and Calista Renee (1 1/2), are very excited. Eric and Tammie



have just begun a ministry in St. Louis, Missouri.

## FUTURE CRUSADERS

**Roxanne (Auer, BRE 1982) Klauka** published an article in April's edition of the Michigan Education Association's magazine "The Voice."

## WRITINGS





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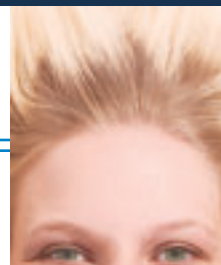
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11-23 Misseo Dei Missions Camp

11-23 Promise Music Camp

23 Promise Home Concert

25 – 30 Student Statesmanship Institute (session 1)

### July

8 Early Registration

9 – 14 Student Statesmanship Institute (session 2)

23 – 28 Student Statesmanship Institute (session 3)

### August

5 Senior Saints Day

10-11 Outpost – High School Leadership Retreat

12 Golf Benefit

23 New Students Registration

24-28 New Student Orientation

### August

28 Returning Students Registration

29 Classes Begin

29 Convocation

### September

22-23 AlumniFest

### October

2 Madrigal Tickets on Sale

### November

3-4 Ministry Wives' Retreat

18-26 Thanksgiving Break

30-Dec. 2 Madrigals

### December

7-9 Madrigals

19-22 Final Exams

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