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Part of the joy in working at Great Lakes Christian College is the knowledge that we are in the business of changing lives — one at a time. We have been doing that for 60 years. This past semester I received two unsolicited letters from students indicating the level of impact we have had on their lives. One letter was from a freshman, the other came from a graduating senior. The freshman, Jill DeJonge, wrote,

“I was happy with my Christian life until I spent a year here at GLCC. This place has challenged me more in a year than I have during the rest of my Christian life put together. I have been challenged to pray. I am not talking about the kind of prayer that manifests

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itself in the twenty seconds before meals, or the ‘now I lay me down to sleep’ prayer before bed — I mean that I have been challenged to communicate constantly and wholeheartedly with a Savior I grew up knowing, but am just beginning to know. I have been challenged to read the Bible. Again, I am not talking about the half hour I spend reading for a classroom assignment — I am talking about being shown the wonder of God’s words, of finally understanding why I should even care about the things it says. I am talking about a devotion to reading, studying, applying and obeying the Word. Most importantly, I have been challenged to change myself.

“When I came here last August, I was a Psychology major and convinced that I had my future planned out perfectly. It was not long into my first semester when I began to feel uneasy concerning MY plans for MY future. I began to pray and was led to make the decision to change my major to Cross-Cultural Ministries. I began to focus on what God wanted for the future HE has given me. I am going to be a missionary. I do not know where, but I’ll go wherever God sends me. He needs to be the center of my life. I will no longer accept a life of which Christ is only a part.”

A graduating senior, Jared Shouey, wrote,

“First and foremost, I would like to commend you and the rest of the faculty for the spiritual mentors that you have been to me. I am confident that this is true for many, if not all, GLCC students. There are many educational

institutions that are able to provide quality instruction, but there are very few that can provide the training, through example, in how to become a ‘servant-leader.’ I feel it has been a privilege to be taught by professors who truly care more for your soul than your education. I could have graduated much faster by choosing a different college in the area, but I want to make this point very clear to you; when deciding which college I would attend, the faculty was the primary reason why I chose GLCC and why I remained there until I graduated. The eternal relationships that I built with the faculty at GLCC made it worth all the effort and financial sacrifice.

“Second, the education I received at GLCC was life-altering and priceless. This education opened my mind and my heart to see more clearly the value that God sees in every being, including myself. My perspectives of God, of His Son, of His Spirit, of His church, and of His creation have all been drastically altered for the better. Now, I have a stronger desire to find more answers and to be more like the example that Christ has left us. I will be forever grateful to GLCC and will cherish the memories, the relationships, and of course, the education I received there.”

These two are among the many that have shared similar testimonies over our 60-year history. We, with your help, are making an eternal difference.

Larry Carter
GLCC President

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Great Lakes Christian College

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Intellectual Growth

The intellectual growth of our students comes as a result of having qualified faculty who desire to make the most of the educational process. Students are mentored and encouraged by the faculty in their faith and in their intellectual pursuits. We have a remarkable distinction of having 80% of our full-time faculty either holding or in the process of earning Doctoral degrees. This exceptional academic profile reflects GLCC's absolute commitment to serving the intellectual needs of the student. The standards for learning are set high for every student and their intellectual growth is obvious as they finish and are incorporated into church and community life.

Spiritual Growth *By Kris Barga (BS 2006), GLCC Campus Life Director*

At Great Lakes Christian College we focus not only on academics of knowing who God is and the history of His love but also a personal relationship with Christ, and what a unique challenge this can be. Whether it is leading through service and outreach or studying for personal and teaching reasons or amidst the confession and accountability with friends, I have noticed that students who come to Great Lakes Christian College have grown spiritually in uniquely different ways. Students come out with a better ownership of their faith and a more authentic relationship with Christ. It's later, on their journey in the real world, that students will dive much deeper into their faith as it plays out in reality.

Our mission is to foster avenues that encourage students on towards their potential in Christ. Great Lakes Christian College definitely equips students intellectually, spiritually, and personally to be servant-leaders.

Personal Growth *By Frank Weller (BRE 1989), Sr. Minister, South Lansing Christian Church*

Green. Wet behind the ears. They're polite euphemisms for the same reality: immaturity. That is exactly what I was when I arrived at Great Lakes in the fall of 1985. Like many high school seniors, I suffered from the delusion that I was "really something."

It didn't take long for me to be dispelled of that notion. In their long-suffering way, the professors and staff of Great Lakes nurtured me. Spiritually. Educationally. Emotionally. Their patient, thoughtful regard for my overall well-being paved the way for me to become the person I am today. And for that, I am eternally grateful.



President Larry Carter congratulates graduate Bill Wilson

GLCC Celebrates

1954



1983



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1958



1966

1971



1988



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2:00 p.m. Promise Reunion and rehearsal

If you would like to participate please contact Esther Hetrick at ehetrick@glcc.edu

Student Art Exhibit

GLCC is pleased to announce a Student Art Exhibition as part of our 60th Anniversary celebration. GLCC students are talented in many areas. One area that is not particularly showcased is the area of art. Students will have on display various art forms such as 3-D, collage, painting, and photography. We are very excited to see what our students bring out for this event.

Turner Dodge Mansion Tours

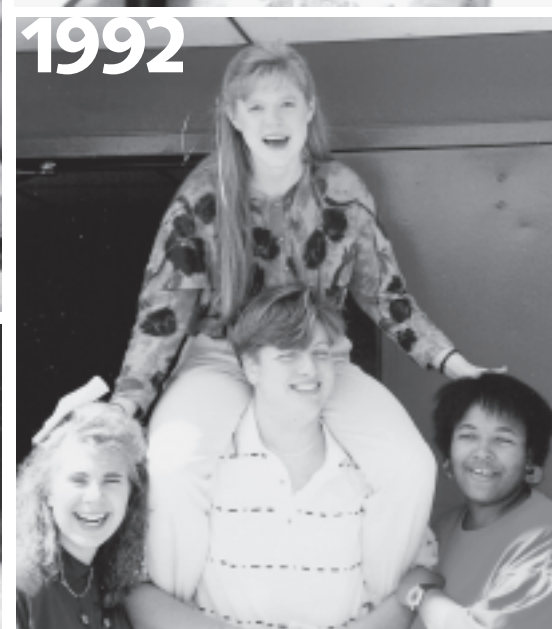
Visit the Turner Dodge Historical site and see a piece of GLCC history. The Turner Dodge Mansion is offering tours to GLCC alumni free of charge from 1:00-4:00 on Friday.

6:30 p.m. 60th Anniversary Program

- RSVP required, please return the form or call or e-mail
- Special Guests from Our Past
- Alumni Award Presentation
- Distinguished Service Awards
- Music By Promise Alumni
- Everyone will receive *The History of Great Lakes Christian College* by Patricia Girdwood and Robert Girdwood
- Special Speakers

Larry Sprinkle (BRE 1978), Minister at the First Church of Christ in Bluffton, IN
 Ron Otto (BRE 1986), Minister at Lincoln Christian Church in Lincoln, IL
 Lloyd Knowles, GLCC Professor of History (1970-Present)
 Sam Wrisley (BRE 1993), Minister at Harvest Christian Church in Muncie, IN

Sixty Years of Equipping for Eternity



2003



FRIDAY RESERVATIONS

Please respond by September 4, 2009

Phone: (517) 321-0242, ext. 248

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E-mail: pgoff@glcc.edu • www.glcc.edu

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Friday night registration includes meal and historical booklet (no Saturday program and no childcare)

☐ \$15 Single

☐ \$25 Couple

Alumni Association Dues Good through December 2010

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

GLCC and Alumni Sports

10:30 a.m. GLCC Alumni Basketball Game
(Contact Chuck Emmert at chuck@duplainchurchofchrist.org)

1:00 p.m. Soccer Match — GLCC vs. Marygrove College

3:00 p.m. GLCC Alumni Soccer Game
(Contact Austin Long to participate)

Carter Ministry Scholarship

The Carter Ministry Scholarship was started in 1999 at the 50th anniversary of Great Lakes Christian College. It was named after our President, Larry Carter, who is now beginning his 11th year. Its focus is to motivate and encourage junior and senior students, who have declared the preaching ministry as their vocational goal, to finish college and be productive in the Kingdom as a minister of the Gospel. President Carter has a heart for the preaching ministry and desires to see this continue as the main focus of our ministry at GLCC.

We hope you will join us in this special offering celebrating our 60th anniversary and reinforcing our mission to train workers, especially preachers, for the Kingdom of God. An opportunity will be given to everyone attending the 60th anniversary celebration on September 18 at the Doty Center to give a special offering by cash, credit card, or pledge to the Carter Ministry Scholarship.



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Pearl Buck, a Presbyterian missionary to China from 1914-1933 said, "If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday." The history of Great Lakes Christian College is such an interesting story that reveals the sacrifice, vision, and passion of those who could see a strong Christian leadership training institution in Michigan. I get excited when I uncover something from the College's past that helps me understand why we are doing what we are doing today. We have begun collecting historical items that will be housed in a nice display cabinet in the Woodard Administration Building lobby. These are gifts that have been received so far:



Christian higher education has tremendous value in our Christ-less culture. More than ever we need to train preachers and Christian workers for our churches and foreign lands. More than ever we need strong Christian leaders in the workplaces of America and around the world.

- Bill Lower, first graduate of GLCC, donated the first diploma given by the College.
- The family of Ralph Woodard (first president of GLBC) has given one of Ralph's Bibles dated back to 1951.
- A recent gift that I especially appreciate is a card catalog of commitment cards that Hervey Sewell, first Field Representative, kept to track donors of the College back in 1950.

As I flipped through the donated card catalog, I realized again the vision and generosity of many who believed that God wanted a Bible College in Michigan. Nothing has changed sixty years later. In fact, the need for GLCC is greater than it was 60 years ago. Christian higher education has tremendous value in our Christ-less culture. More than ever we need to train preachers and Christian workers for our churches and foreign lands. More than ever we need strong Christian leaders in the workplaces of America and around the world.

Our sixtieth anniversary celebration on September 18 will be an opportunity to celebrate the vision and generosity of donors today who STILL believe we need a Bible College in Michigan and in the surrounding region. Without the partnership of hundreds of donors, we wouldn't have been able to send out over 2,500 workers. Our graduates are serving around the world and we are proud to have them serving in the majority of Michigan churches. Great Lakes is your college. We are an exten-

sion of the local church committed to training workers to go out in the harvest field to bring more people to Christ. "Equipping for Eternity" is the theme relevant for our 60th anniversary.

Your financial support throughout the past few months has been a blessing as we continue to face the challenges of a weak economy. We are determined to not let the country's financial issues interrupt the progress of ministry training. We will continue to trust God, tighten our belt, keep our sights on the future, and work diligently at being the institution God wants us to be. Great Lakes started in 1949 with a vision to provide preachers and leaders for our churches. Taking the opportunity to search the past has confirmed what we are doing today as valuable in the Kingdom of God. Nothing is like it was in 1949, but the mission and product is the same... Christian leaders changing the world for Christ. Charles Matthews, the second president of GLBC wrote in the KEY, May 1959, "May those who go from this institution be so zealous, so fervent, and so inspired that they may fan the fires of evangelism to take this state and the world for Christ." David Thelen, Professor Emeritus of History of Indiana University said, "The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present." That's exactly what our 60th anniversary is about...recovering the past in order to introduce it to future generations. I hope to see you on September 18!

Phil Beavers
Vice President of
Institutional Advancement

Trustees Sidney Bonvallet and Todd Lackie raised over \$5000 for GLCC by walking 30 miles over three days.

Dean's List Spring 2009

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Full time students — 3.5 gpa or higher

Alvey, Eden	Klepal, Joel	Sprandel, Ashley
Bingham, Dennis	Kretschmer, Nicole	Steckroth, Kathryn
Brummel, Sarah	Lowe, Sarah	VanHoven, Erika
DeWitt, Adam	Mailand, Heidi	Vasquez, Adrienn
DeWitt, Ivy	North, Nathan	Warthen, Todd
Donald, Jessica	Novetske, Jessica	Woods, Aaron
Finch, Hemann	Owens, Sarah	Zeedyk, Rebecca
Ford, Lee	Paget, Mark	
Gentis, Lia	Parrish, Jared	
Harp, Cashel	Partridge, Anna	
Harris, Gene	Penwell, Brittany	
Harris, Jerod	Phelps, Lindsey	
Higgins, Patrick	Richards, Laura	
Hodgman, David	Richards, Rebekah	
Ickes, Joel	Ruff, Kayla	
Johnson, Jennifer	Sithole, Takawira	
Kelley, Antonio	Smiley, Martin	
Klepal, Joanna	Smith, Natasha	



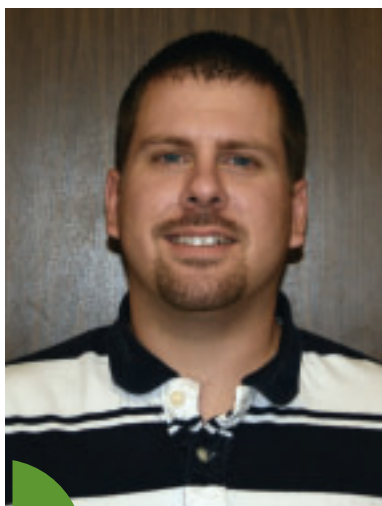
GLCC graduate, Bill Lower (BA 1953), presents President Larry Carter with the very first diploma ever awarded by GLCC.



(front row) Jonathan M. Cook, Jeremiah Alan Brummel, Anthony D. Berry†, Melissa June Benson, James Samuel Conlin, Jessica Rose Yurgel, June D. Purifoy, Brad Joseph Gniewek, Adell B. Dickinson, Raynetta Demeka Bradley, (second row) Eric Matthew Wilber, Adam Robert Villarreal, Abigail Mae Villarreal‡, Adrienn Vasquez\$, Martin Joseph Smiley III†, Joshua Edward

Simmonst, Jared Ivan Shouey#*, David Michael Rinker‡, Jessica Donald†, (third row) Daniel M. Yencich, William E. Wilson III†. Not pictured: Matthew A Guinn, Nicholas Vincent Prass, Lee M. Shafert.

* Summa cum laude, † Magna cum laude, ‡ Cum laude, § Valedictorian, # Salutatorian



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ALUMNI

Michael Wetzel (BRE 1985) will have an article titled *Where Did the Bible Go?* in the Lookout this year. He also led a team to Ukraine for Shepherd's Purse in March and became an elder at the West Lansing Church of Christ.

ALUMNI IN WRITING

Craig (BRE 1982) and **Rhonda (Scott, ARE 1981) Gates** will be celebrating 25 years of leading Christ's Mission in the Yucatan this fall.

North Highlands Church of Christ 80 years

Wayne Church of Christ, Wayne, OH 150 years

ANNIVERSARIES

Great Lakes Christian College is most definitely proud of her alumni that continue to seek to expand the Kingdom of God whether in the located ministry or in the secular job field.

We've all heard people say that we live in a small world. This has held true in my life, and I experienced this again last fall at CIY Wilderness in Colorado Springs, CO. It's a rule that we are unable to discuss anything pertaining to our ministries until day two of our retreat. Thus, we get to know each other apart from our ministries, Bible colleges, etc. This past fall, I met Todd Liscombe and I didn't realize until the second day that he was a GLCC alum. Todd and I got to know each other during that week around the dinner table and fishing in the mountains. It was nice to connect with a GLCC alum whom I did not previously know. As we talked, it was evident that God has blessed Todd and his family in the ministries He has provided them. Great Lakes Christian College is most definitely proud of her alumni that continue to seek to expand the Kingdom of God whether in the located ministry or in the secular job field. For this reason, we want to highlight Todd, his family, and his ministry.

Todd attended GLCC from 1991-1995. He has been married to Becky for 12 years. They have two wonderful children, Kaylynn is 7 years old and Grant is 2 years old. Following his graduation from Great Lakes, Todd served in a year-long internship in Dodge City, Kansas. He began his first full-time ministry at Putnam Heights Church of Christ in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and served there for over three years. Todd and Becky then felt called to First Christian Church in Kewanee, Illinois and ministered there for three years. God has currently led them to Main Street Christian Church in Russiaville, Indiana where they have now served for almost seven years. Todd feels this has been a very fruitful ministry. The church has grown throughout their



time serving in Russiaville, and Todd has planned and led three mission trips to Thailand working with missionaries from his congregation. On two of these trips, Todd has taken a group of high school students. Over the past year, Todd has transitioned into a student minister. His wife has taken over the children's ministry at MSCC. They started an alternative worship service over a year ago called Fusion. Todd preaches full time at this service, and it has been really well received. They continue to see God working through their family.

Todd is only one of the many alumni serving in the Kingdom that make GLCC what she is. We pray that God continues to bless them and the multitude of ministries that have sprouted out of Great Lakes Christian College. As alumni we can be proud of the impact that is being made in the world through this wonderful campus and the individuals who are trained up in Christ in this place!

alumni news

Send alumni news to key@glcc.edu

ALUMNI NEWS

1970s



Larry Vollink (BSL 1970) was selected to give the opening prayer in US Congress on March 3. Congressman Mike Rogers and Chaplain Donald McCoughlin with Larry and **Susie** (Oliver 1966-1969).

Tom (BSL 1971) and **Julie** (Cranston 1967-1969) **Haynie** began full-time ministry with Buffalo Christian Church in Buffalo, Indiana on March 1. Tom had begun a weekend ministry with the Buffalo church in October 2008 that continued until Tom and Julie moved there in March. Tom was able to take a partial retirement from both the U.S. Postal Service and Charlotte Public Schools. He has over 33 years in ministry. Julie has served as secretary to Charlotte Christian School and a local business for more than 25 years.

1980s

Scott Saltsman (BRE 1980) taught for the Leader's For Christ International World Leader's Conference and has been to India to teach three times.

Mark (BRE 1980) and **Vickey** (Carmack, BRE 1994) **Monroe** have lived in Louisville, KY for three years. They have a grandson on the way via their son Stephen. They are both involved and excited about ministry with Northeast Christian.

Loretta Gulley (BRE 1980) was recently appointed Director of the North Central Consolidated Patient Account Center in Madison, WI. This new department will complete all patient and insurance revenue cycle work for the Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Loretta has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 28 years.

Tracy (Hughes) Weller (1985-1989) graduated from Career Quest Learning Centers with her Registered Medical Assistant certification from the State of Michigan. After completing her externship, she began working at Alliance OB-GYN in Lansing and plans to use her new skills on the medical mission trips she leads to Haiti for South Lansing Christian Church.

James Sandusky (1987-1992) lives in Cookeville, TN where he is preaching at the Hebron Church of Christ.

John (BRE 1989) and **Sherri Scott** ministered at Auburn Church of Christ for over 11 years. He has now taken on a new challenge in Inverness, FL to minister with First Christian Church of Inverness. Their three children are Krystal, 16; Hannah, 11; and Andrew who just turned four.

1990s



Tiffany (Carey) 1997-1999) married Philip Hendrick on November 13, 1999. They now have three children: daughter, Brigid (pronounced Bree-id) in 2003; daughter, Bailey in 2006; and son, Daniel in 2007. They now live in San Antonio, TX. Tiffany is currently an at home mother and homemaker and plans to homeschool all three children through graduation. Philip is self-employed as a carpenter. They are members of Oak Hills Church where Philip plays on the worship team and Tiffany volunteers in the nursery.

2000s

Luke Elie (2000-2003), **J. J. Davis** (BRE 2005), **Mitch Auvenshine** (BS 2002), and **Jon Robinson** (BRE 2005) are still ministering in South Korea. Luke is a social studies teacher at an international school and the founder of a Semi professional Basketball League in Seoul, Seoul International Basketball League and just completed their second season. Luke says, "This league has been a great chance for me to connect in depth in the basketball world here in Asia. It is an awesome ministry opportunity as I provide a way for athletes in Korea who come from all over the world to meet and play. God has blessed it immensely."

Walter (AA 2007) and **Jamie Neuenschwander** (BA 2008) were hired last month at Lane Christian Church in Lane, IL. Walter is serving as the associate minister of youth and Jamie is the associate minister of worship. They are continuing graduate work at Lincoln Christian University in Christian Education and Counseling.

Kyle (AA 2007) and **Samantha (Saltsman, AA 2007) Chauncey** live in Coldwater, MI. Kyle attended the 81st Mid-Michigan Police Academy at LCC and is now employed as a full-time police officer. Samantha is enrolled at Kaplan University Online finishing a Bachelor's in Corporate Business with a focus in Finance. She plans to be a personal financial advisor to help people "get back on track" with their financial issues. After finishing this degree she plans to return to GLCC to finish a second Bachelor's. They are involved with the Northview Church of Christ, singing, being with the youth group, and playing softball.

Andrew Blakely (BS 2008) remains in Africa on his tour of duty with the Army Reserves. He has worked in Djibouti and Kenya and is expected to return home in the fall of 2009. **Kate (Kissling, BA 2008)** is continuing studies at Emmanuel School of Religion and is planning on graduating with an MAR, with the concentration of Christian Doctrine, in May 2010.

In December of 2008, **Jonathan Greene** (BS 2008) became the Minister of Ashland Center Church of Christ in Grant, MI.

FUTURE CRUSADERS



Tab Greenlee (BRE 1990) and Heather announce the birth of their son,

Calyb Frazier. Born on April 24 at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 19 3/4 inches long. Tab is totally stoked to be a daddy!



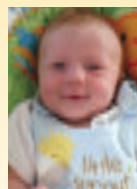
Adam Beasley (1992-1994) and **Christy (Taylor)** 1992-1994)

announce the birth of Charlotte Jane on Nov 23, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. Proud grandparents include Alta (Tanner) and Wes Beasley.



Wendy (Beavers, BS 2002) and Jordan Ickes (BS 2007) announce

the arrival of Oliver Philip on May 3 at 9 lbs. 12 oz. and 21 1/2 inches long. Jordan is the Senior Minister at Etna Green Church of Christ



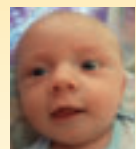
Aaron and Rachel (Lautzenheizer) 1999-2000) **Lantzer** welcomed Caleb

Robert on March 31. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Caleb joins big brother Christopher and big sister Madelyn.



Silas Josiah Leazenby arrived on June 5 to

proud parents **Jon** (BRE 2000) and **Carrie (Foust, AA 1998)**. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. He joins siblings: Jacob, 8; Noah, 6; and Mollie, 4.



On April 9, **David Alan** (BRE 2004) and **Annette (Leazenby, BS 2002)**

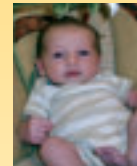
Deaton welcomed their second child Judah Henry Willis. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. He joins sister Abigail as being a blessing to the family.



Josh Reed (BRE 2004) and Bethany welcomed daughter Eliah Canaan on December 6, 2007 and have another daughter due July 20. They are currently in the process of being accepted through SIM (Serving In Mission) to become career missionaries in Sport Ministry in the Pacific Rim.



Brian and Jodi Nohel (Winsett, BRE 2004) present Erich (born August 2003) and Aiden (born August 2008). Brotherly Love!



Travis (BS 2006) and **Becci (Wheat)** 2000-2004) **Fox** welcomed Isaiah Connor on April 29.

He weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.



Melanie Elizabeth Walter brightened the lives of **Mark** (BS 2007) and

Deana (Foust, BS 2005) on February 25 weighing in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 inches long.

Fred Lab (BRE 1996) and his wife, Mariah, announce the birth of their son, Jedediah Stetson Lab, on May 5. He joins sisters Yzabella and Reagan.



Campbell and generations after him identified theology as the problem in a divided Christianity.

Why Teach Theology?

A Bible College is a *Bible* College because every student receiving a degree has to take a major in Bible & Theology in addition to another major they choose. The study of the *Bible*, of course, and *theology* are specifically pursued in a number of classes—many of which I teach. Now if you know our history as a movement (the Stone-Campbell Movement) you know this has historically been “a problem” for us. Alexander Campbell was famous for saying that at the college he founded, Bethany College (WV), they would never employ a Professor of Theology (and they don’t currently, at least). Campbell and generations after him identified *theology* as the problem in a divided Christianity. Hmmm. So why do we teach theology at GLCC?

First, let’s try to define theology. One of the older standard definitions is: “*theology is the science of revealed religion.*” Note the tell-tale scientific label that identifies it as being *modern*. But even with that understood, it is unhelpful. Perhaps a more evangelical definition would be “*the systematic exhibition of revealed truth.*” That is at least somewhat helpful. But we know that often the Bible is just not very systematic about many of its doctrines, so maybe that definition assumes more than the Bible offers. A simple but inadequate definition I have always liked is: “*theology is thinking God’s thoughts after him.*” It puts God in the lead; we hear him and follow his logic and thoughts. I like that. Perhaps a better definition is from John Frame who, in *The Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*, defines theology as “*the application*

of the Word of God by persons to all areas of life” (p. 81). This puts a helpful emphasis upon the Christian worldview, enlightened by Scripture, shared by fallible humans, informing all areas of life of God’s will. I think that definition helps.

Second, we understand that theology has its detractors. Richard Dawkins, a contemporary popular atheist said, “*What has ‘theology’ ever said that is of the smallest use to anybody? When has ‘theology’ ever said anything that is demonstrably true and is not obvious? What makes you think that ‘theology’ is a subject at all?*” I’m confused. He sounds rather modern...and vacuous to me. But he is not alone in the atheistic choir. There is a growing vocal chorus of challenges to *the faith once for all delivered*. We must prepare to engage in discussion and defend the faith!

Third, I have always believed and tried to practice this maxim—*theology is for the pulpit*. By this I mean that true theology, good theology, is that which needs to be said so as to inform God’s people of God’s nature, will, and plan. We need less esoteric, ivory-tower theology that is only good for publication, and more biblically grounded, faithfully argued theology that can be preached so as to pour Christ into the heart of the Church. When we enter into the dialogue (the Word, the Church, and ever-morphing Culture) we will need to do more than merely quote verses, we will need to be able to present the whole counsel of God, coherent, as concise and as systematized as possible, integrated...and preached/lived powerfully!

Dr. Dan Cameron
Professor of Theology

A Madrigal Dinner and Concert

Friday and Saturday
December 4-5
December 11-12

7:00 p.m.

\$30 per person
no discounts

Tickets on sale October 5 at GLCC
October 6 by phone

Located at the beautiful
Temple House, Central United
Methodist Church
215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI

Missions Emphasis Week October 13, 14, and 15

Our speaker this year is again this year's president of the National Missionary Convention, Rick Jett. Rick is the President of IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service).

Ministry Wives' Retreat November 6-7

*The Agony and Ecstasy
of the Minister's Wife*



Featuring Linda Norville
Pendleton, Indiana

with

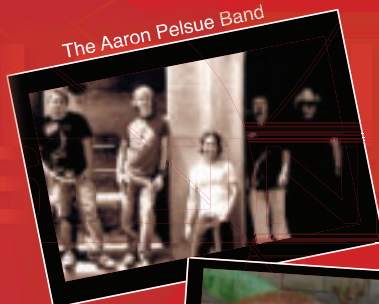
Music and Worship by
Tracy Kjergaard
Leo, Indiana

This annual retreat is planned for women married to men in all types of ministries: preaching, youth, music, camping, campus, seniors, and missions. Save the date for this inspirational and encouraging weekend!

For more information, contact
Judy Beavers: jbeavers@glcc.edu

P R A X I S:

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Belief to Action



The Aaron Pelsue Band

November 13-15



Shannon Caroland



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Fall Concert Thursday, November 19

- Concert Choir
- Madrigal Singers
- Small Ensembles

Campus News

WOMEN'S CELEBRATION



The theme was "We're Not in Kansas Anymore" which the Charlotte Church of Christ took to heart! Julie Gariss aka Gladys Frump was an outstanding speaker and had all of the ladies rolling in the aisles with laughter. Join us on Friday, April 23, 2010 with main speaker Love Lockman.

From Administration to Ministry



Mark Christian resigned his position as Vice President of Organizational Development and started as Senior Minister of Christ's Church of Oronogo in Oronogo, Missouri, on July 1. Mark's nine-year tenure with GLCC was appreciated as

he led the College through the reaccreditation process with The Higher Learning Commission and the Association for Biblical Higher Education in 2007, designed and advanced organizational development, and gave leadership to the Interpersonal and Organizational Communication Department. Through his years at the College, Mark served as professor, Dean of Students, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Vice President of Organizational Development.

Mission Trips

Our students participated in three mission trips this spring:

Philippines — Students Hope and Larry Ford led three other students on this 10-day trip to work with Roy and Marianne Badongen (BRE 2000). They delivered computers to schools and Bible stories for students, preached, sang worship songs with students and local churches, fed students, taught science for school classes, fellow-

shipped with local community, and worked in various villages throughout Philippines.

Dominican Republic — Kris Barga led 9 students who started construction of nutrition/feeding center, led VBS for two villages, participated in church service, preached, led special music, and played sports with community children.

Washington D.C. — Four students fed 500-700 homeless people per day.



GLCC students pass out lunches to students in the Philippines.

and more Campus News

GLCC presents the 2009 Divine Servant Award to Matt Schantz.



President Larry Carter and Ruth Doty congratulate Matt Schantz (ARE 1987), this years recipient of the Divine Servant Award.

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 mind-set of those who would follow.

Matt graduated from Great Lakes Christian College in 1987 with an Associates Degree in Religious Education. After leaving Great Lakes, Matt went to MSU where he earned his Bachelors in Psychology/Pre Med. He then received a Masters degree in Practical Ministries from Cincinnati Bible Seminary and a Masters in Communication from Central Michigan University (CMU). He is presently a Doctoral Candidate in Educational Leadership at CMU.

Matt has served the Lord well. His servant attitude has been seen in his ministry with the Michigan Christian Campus Ministry as Campus Minister with His House Christian Fellowship on the campus of CMU since 1991. In conjunction with his ministry at the campus house, he is founder and preacher of His House Christian Church which ministers effectively to students and families in the Mt. Pleasant area.

He has been on numerous mission trips to Chile, Mexico, Uganda, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Honduras. He has also taken students to be involved in service projects in Boston and Washington D.C. He loves to teach. He has served as an adjunct professor here at GLCC and at CMU. He has had the opportunity to speak at various conferences and conventions and provides leadership training and development for municipalities and businesses.

One of his favorite service opportunities is the role of Chaplain for the CMU football team. He has been the Chaplain since 1991. He relishes the time spent investing in the lives of the players and coaching staff.

He is married to Bethany, a GLCC college sweetheart and has four children — Caleb, Jacob, Savannah, and Danny.

Larry Carter Celebrates 10 years as President



Larry Carter has served Great Lakes Christian College as her President for the past ten years. In that time, we obtained North Central Accreditation for the first time and had it renewed. Our administrators and program have been used as models for how a small college can be strong and successful within the North Central Higher Learning Association. Under Larry's leadership we have had a decade of operating financially "in the black" while reaching out to more students and expanding our ministry influence across the state of Michigan and into bordering states. The Doty Center stands as a result of his vision and dedication to the mission of the College.

In appreciation of President Carter's long hours, gifted leadership, and passion for God's work, the trustees of the college presented him with a gift of a set of Ping golf clubs.

(photo left) Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rick Stacy, congratulates President Carter. (photo right) A spokesperson for Michigan Representative Rick Jones presents a special tribute to President Carter.





Great Lakes Christian College: Intellectual, Spiritual and Personal Growth

Growth: “the process of developing or maturing....”

In a word, Great Lakes Christian College is about growth! We exist to “prepare servant-leaders for the church and world.” This preparation requires growth – intellectually, spiritually, and personally.

Growth *intellectually* happens as a result of the finest group of professors any institution has assembled and their commitment to academic excellence. The experience of our instructors is impressive. Eighty percent of our professors have earned doctorates or are in the process of obtaining such.

At the very center of the instruction at Great Lakes Christian College is our Christian worldview. Every graduate completes a Bible/Theology major. How can one truly have a great education unless they study our Creator and the plan He has for our lives? Yes, growth needs to develop from the Book of Life! *Spiritual* growth happens as a result of our emphasis on the truth of Scripture.

Along with the *intellectual growth* available through a great education, *spiritual growth* through the study of our Creator and His plan for their lives as revealed in Scripture comes *personal growth*. Another big part of their growth comes from their personal interaction with their professors and the staff. Students consistently testify to their personal growth during their time here at Great Lakes Christian College.

Having said all that let me tell you a little known fact. We are amazingly affordable! Great Lakes Christian College is the most affordable private college in Michigan! We even compare with most public institutions. Thanks to the faithful support of individuals and churches, and sound financial practices, we are able to offer a great education — at a great value!

Won't you join us in sharing this good news?

Thanks!

Lloyd Scharer
Director of Admissions and
College Relations

Beyond the Classroom

Dr. Alvin Kuest, Professor of Christian Education, made a presentation at the Stone-Campbell Conference in April on the subject of The Ethic of Caring and Service Learning. He also worked closely with a team of five students to gather funds and materials for a Philippine Mission trip. The students spent 10 days working with Roy and Marianne Badongen and visiting schools to give needed supplies and give basic presentations on Noah and the Ark in each school.

Dr. Lloyd Knowles, Professor of History, toured Greece “in the footsteps of Paul” in February, attended the Michigan Christian Convention in April, and is still the interim minister of The Grand Rapids Christian Church.

Kris Bargaen, Director of Campus Life, led a group to the Dominican Republic through G.O. Ministries in February.

Ron Peters (BRE 1999), Associate Professor of New Testament, attended the Stone-Campbell Journal conference where he presented a paper titled *John 19:28, Does Jesus' Thirst Fulfill Scripture?*



Dr. John Nugent (BRE 1995), Professor of Old Testament, delivered a paper at the Stone-Campbell Conference *John Howard*

Yoder and the Stone-Campbell Churches, published an article in the Stone-Campbell Journal (Spring 2009). John earned a Ph.D. in Theology at Calvin Theological Seminary in May 2009.



Great Lakes Christian College

BUY A BRICK For the Doty Center Memory Garden

The opportunity is once again available for alumni and friends of the College to show their support by buying an engraved brick that will display the names of donors or of those memorialized or honored.

Each brick will be neatly engraved and displayed in an attractive manner at the main entrance of the Doty Center.

Your donation is tax deductible (excluding the cost of the brick and engraving).

4"x8"

4"x8" brick - \$75
(additional replica for
you to keep - \$50)

8"x8"

8"x8" brick - \$125
(additional replica for
you to keep - \$50)

12"x12"

12"x12" stone - \$250
(additional replica for
you to keep - \$75)



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Address _____

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_____ 12"x12" \$250 each Replica \$75

Total \$ _____

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☐ My company will match my contribution

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4"x8" brick: 14 spaces per line x 3 lines

8"x8" brick: 14 spaces per line x 5 lines

12"x12" stones: message can be custom designed and can include company logo.

☐ Check here if this contribution is in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please provide information if you want them to be notified of your gift.

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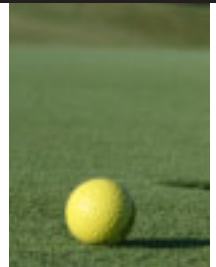
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Upcoming Events



AUGUST

- 8 **Golf Benefit**
- 17 New Student Registration
- 18-21 Orientation
- 24 Classes begin
- 25 Convocation

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
- 7 Labor Day – No Classes
- 18 **60th Anniversary Celebration**
- 22 NACCAP College Fair
- 25 Board of Trustees Meeting

OCTOBER

- 5 Madrigal tickets on sale
- 13-15 Missions Emphasis Week

NOVEMBER

- 6-7 Ministry Wives' Retreat
- 13-15 Fusion
- 19 Choir Fall Concert
- 22-28 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

DECEMBER

- 4-5; 11-12 **Madrigals**
- 15-18 Final Exams
- 19-Jan. 10 Semester Break

JANUARY

- 11 Classes Begin
- 19 Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 31 Comedian Brad Stein in the Doty Center

FEBRUARY

- 15-19 Week of Outreach 1

MARCH

- 29- April 2 Week of Outreach 2

APRIL

- 16-17 Michigan Christian Convention
- 23 Women's Spring Celebration
- 23 Board of Trustees Meeting

MAY

- 4 Honors Chapel
- 11-13 Final Exams
- 14 Senior Banquet
- 15 Commencement