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President Carter will celebrate 10 years of service with Great Lakes Christian College at a special reception in the Doty Center on Thursday, May 7, 2009 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Marie at (517) 321-0242x250 or [mriggs@glcc.edu](mailto:mriggs@glcc.edu).

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Despite the uncertainty of the times, despite the suspense, we, as Christians, know our purpose. We are to be a light shining in the darkness.

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I don't like suspense. Whether it's watching an intense movie (give me a pillow so I can hide my eyes), following a favorite sports team (tell me about it when its over cause I'll jinx them if I watch), or witnessing some of life's vicissitudes (turn off the news, its too depressing), suspense is something I don't enjoy. And when it comes to my own life or the people I care about, suspense just about does me in.

When my wife and I were dating we were in a car accident that looked a lot worse than it was. At the time, I was the proud owner of a dark blue 1964 Corvair. While it was fun to drive, it lacked a vital characteristic — safety. The engine was in the back, giving you great traction during the winter months, but left nothing in front except a trunk that was as safe and reliable as a politician's promise. It was ready to collapse at the slightest pressure. We were in a head-on collision. My beautiful car was changed into a Pekinese in an instant.

I hit my head on the metal strip at the top of the windshield. Judy flew forward smashing the windshield and ended up in a ball on the floor. Glass was everywhere and red sticky stuff was on everything. My first thought was that Judy had crashed through the windshield with her head and that she was bleeding profusely. I frantically checked her over and while I didn't see anything traumatic, still wasn't convinced that I hadn't missed something. I was a near basket case when an ambulance came and took her away while I stayed to talk with the police about the incident. That half an hour conversation seemed liked forever. It wasn't until I got to the hospital and the doctors told me that she was all right that I

was able to take a deep breath. All she needed was some stitches under her chin.

Later we figured out what had broken the windshield and what all that red stuff was. She had been drinking a Barq's Red Pop at the time and when we collided she drove the end of the bottle right through the window showering the car with glass and soda. What wasn't funny just moments before seemed hilarious then. My head was thumping badly and when Judy smiled it pulled at her stitches, but we both started laughing anyway.

The economy has just suffered a head-on collision. What was thought safe and reliable was found to be neither. We are still in the process of checking out the well-being of all those involved. We are in that period of suspense between the shock of a crash and knowing that everything is going to be all right. Its not a fun place to be. Nobody's laughing.

But, despite the uncertainty of the times, despite the suspense we, as Christians, know our purpose. We are to be a light shining in the darkness. Someone once wrote that "light is best seen against the background of darkness" and I agree. If ever there is a time for Christians to shine it is now. We have an opportunity to show the world by how we live and how we give that our confidence doesn't come from healthy bank accounts and thriving stock portfolios. Our confidence comes from knowing the One who holds all things in His hands — our past, our present, and especially our future.

*Larry Carter*  
GLCC President



# Great Lakes Christian College

We are proud to announce a unique change in the look of Great Lakes Christian College. You can see that through the years, "the look" has evolved using crosses and circles. We have tried to capture on this page the changes since 1949.

Our "new look" is being presented as a part of a marketing restructuring. Maintaining the cross and circle theme that has been with us throughout the years, this new logo emphasizes the quality of education we offer for students of all different colors and sizes to come together around the cross and to experience intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth. Through the months of March and April we will be making a transition in our marketing approach that will highlight the quality of education that is offered at Great Lakes Christian College.

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# Campus Life

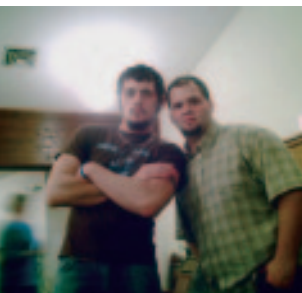


There is nothing quite like the campus life at Great Lakes Christian College. Students form life-long friendships in their pursuit of God's will in their lives. Whether it be worshipping together in chapel or competing against each other in intramural sports, our students belong to a community bonded together by the love of God.

There's always something to do on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College. Weekly Chapel services, small groups and dorm devotions encourage students in their spiritual growth. Monthly events such as "Open Mic Nights," All Campus Devotions, and Coffee House nights build students in bonds of friendship. Annual Madrigal Dinner performances, choir concerts, and mission trips provide students with life changing ministry opportunities.

There really is nothing quite like the campus life at Great Lakes Christian College!

— Betsy Carter,  
Dean of Students



Erik Kreh and Scott Frey

Shandi Cosbar, Claire Campbell, Jill Dejoune, Sammie Osterman, and Rebekah Kessler play a prank on their RA



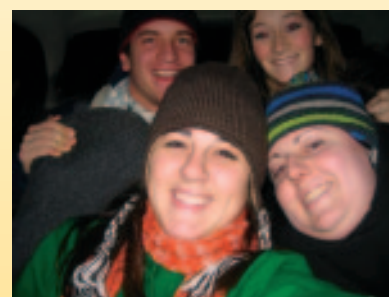
OFL teams face off at an intramural flag football game.



Air guitar band Spencer Husch, Isaac Gilpin, Tyler Piercefiled, and Ross Vanderweide pose before their performance at Fusion.



Some members of our women's volleyball team and their biggest fans.



Ryan Lambright, Kayla Ruff, Kari Kinder, and Katie Watson



Jessica Yurgel, Trisha Wilber, and Emily Blakely



Emily Czarniecki, Kayla Ruff, Andrea Potsaid, Susanna Spencer, and Jenny Johnson



Natasha Smith & Anna Partridge



Laura Swisher and Jill Dejoune were told that mints would stimulate their brains on exam day.



Male and female dorm floors are paired up as brother and sister floors. This brother-sister floor activity was a pumpkin carving party.



And you thought they only threw toilet paper in trees! Kayla Ruff, Adrian Stratton, Rebekah Kessler, and Jill Dejoune.



The red team are the Fall 2008 champions of the OFL, an intramural flag football league.



Larry Ford joins other men on campus scrapping car windows for fellow students and staff on an icy day.



Trisha Prickett and Kayla Ruff are having just a little too much fun!



Jeff Harden, Walter Neuschwander, and Jon Green think they are funny!




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## God possesses all the resources necessary to fund His work all over the world, many times over.

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Does God depend on a stable economy to fund Kingdom work on this earth? This is a question I face as I see a transition in the leadership of our government and attempt to keep my balance in the midst unpredictable economic times.

If the economy goes bad, does that mean God's work stops?

Does it mean that a church or Christian institution should stop growing and being innovative because the stock market took a dive?

Allow me to remind us all...God possesses all the resources necessary to fund His work all over the world, many times over. The issue becomes how freely the vessels dispense those resources. The sad part of this picture is that the "funnels" have been restricted because of fear generated by the slipping economy, and a lack of dependence upon God. We all need to be practical, frugal, and good stewards during tough times, but let's remember whose we are and whose things we hold in our hands. Stewardship is simple. God entrusts us with His resources to use for His purpose.

Will GLCC survive through this financial downturn? ABSOLUTELY! We have no choice but to trust God to provide through His people, and continue the work of training Christian leaders for His work.

We are blessed with a faithful core of donors who believe in our mission and see the need for more Christian workers. But, we will be taking some steps to manage the current economic situation that we face.

1. We have reduced spending on capital projects. Our need still exists for more classrooms, cafeteria space, and office space, but we hope to be wise in the timing of those expenditures.

2. We will continue to take care of our students, faculty, and staff. Salaries, health insurance, and retirement benefits are a blessing to the 40 individuals who work at GLCC. We are planning improvements in the residential halls and upgrades in equipment and programs for our students.

3. Extra effort is being made to govern and prioritize projects that could be major expenditures. We want to be good stewards of the resources God already sends to us, but we will continue to fund projects that result in growth.

4. We will continue to encourage individuals and churches to allow God to generously provide through them because the need to underwrite our ministry is ongoing despite the economic times.

We at Great Lakes are confident of our future because we trust in a God who "owns the cattle on a thousand hills." What can you do? Keep us in your prayers...send us your students...and **prayerfully** make GLCC a part of your stewardship plan.

*You will find on page 11 a tribute to James W. Greenwood who was our fifth president. He died on September 27, 2008. His memorial service was at the Harris Prairie Church of Christ in South Bend, Indiana where he was ordained in 1943. We pay tribute to men like Jim who invested their life into the ministry of GLCC.*

*Phil Beavers  
Vice President of  
Institutional Advancement*

# Living Memorials

Donations listed are from January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008

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**Frances Vaughn**—by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhardt, Bangor Church of Christ  
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## IN HONOR OF:

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**William D. Brossmann**—by Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Weller  
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**Mark Christian**—by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fox  
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**Benjamin and Lois Graham**—by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson  
**Frank and Carol Graham**—by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson  
**Earnie Harwell**—by Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Perry  
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**George F. Stehle**—by Mary Lippincott  
**Rick and Debbie Yarbrough**—by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Lund, Merrill Lynch

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Auto-Owners Insurance Co. ....	1500
Coca-Cola Company. ....	1200
Consumers Energy. ....	500
Dow Chemical Company Foundation. ....	1350
GenCorp Foundation Inc. ....	100
General Motors Matching Gift Program. ....	600
Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund. ....	100
Marathon Oil Foundation. ....	100
Nationwide Foundation. ....	50
Pfizer Inc. ....	1200
Scripps Howard Foundation. ....	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6800</b>



GLCC alumni are the lifeblood of this great campus in Lansing, Michigan. Great Lakes needs you to stay connected and remember the time you spent on campus. She needs you to stand by her and support the ongoing ministries that are taking place on and off campus.

It's been almost ten years since I walked the GLCC campus as a student. I owe much to the school for the training and discipleship they provided me. I can truly say that I am proud to be a graduate; GLCC has been instrumental in my walk with Jesus.

Can you remember AlumniFest as a student at Great Lakes? I remember thinking, "Who are all these old people on campus?" I now have reached the realization that I am one of those "old people!" I look back now and I am so grateful that those "old people" remembered their roots. It was and is

the alumni support of GLCC that keeps the ministry thriving. I recognize that it is their support over the years that afforded me the opportunity to learn at Great Lakes. Alumni support made it possible to attend class, make late night memories with friends, sing in madrigals, travel with the choir... my list could go on and on.

GLCC alumni are the lifeblood of this great campus in Lansing, Michigan. Great Lakes needs you to stay connected and remember the time you spent on campus. She needs you to stand by her and support the ongoing ministries that are taking place on and off campus. For this reason, I encourage you to become an Alumni Association Member. I encourage you to think about membership not because of what the school can give you (although there are benefits to members)... think about membership because of what you can do for the school, the current students, and the faculty and staff. Membership dues pay for a faculty/staff appreciation luncheon during the Christmas season, dues purchase gifts for our graduates at the annual senior banquet, and they provide two scholarships to incoming students. As alumni, we need to focus on supporting the school and give back to GLCC.

We can all look back and appreciate our time on campus. I know that my time at Great Lakes will always be some of my fondest memories. Alumni, let's all remember our roots and stand beside this remarkable college!

*Brian Walter*  
Alumni Association President

The **Great Lakes Christian College Alumni Association** is a community of alumni who are thankful for their GLCC experience and believe in her mission. The Association encourages fellowship, communication, connection, and service among alumni and current GLCC students. Joining the Alumni Association helps underwrite and fund alumni events, student activities, and scholarships.

Your membership (\$15 individual/\$20 couple) gives you many personal benefits. Benefits include 15% off from the Great Lakes bookstore, library privileges and database access, glcc.edu email account, \$3 off Madrigal tickets, \$1000 scholarship in the first year for your children,

access to discounts for insurance, and auditing options. Visit our website for a membership form and information, [www.glcc.edu/main/alumni.php](http://www.glcc.edu/main/alumni.php) or contact Phil Beavers,

**517-321-0242, ext. 215** or **pbeavers@glcc.edu**

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Send us your alumni news for future issues of the KEY to

**key@glcc.edu**

Send us your updated contact information (address, phone, and email) to

**alumni@glcc.edu**

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

**Jim Hawthorne** (BRE 1973) passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at the age of 61. He was with his son in Indiana as he slipped into a coma and died from a brain tumor.

## 1970's

**Brett Walker** (1990-1994) makes 18th Century reproduction shoes, boots, and leather goods for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Williamsburg, Virginia. His wife, Wendy, employs her historical interpretation experience for the evening tours program, and their children are involved with the Junior Interpreter program. The Walkers were granted permission to rent the George Davenport House in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area.

**Tammy (Miller, 1992-1993)** Sparks passed away on December 12. She died of cancer at the age of 37. She is survived by her husband, Chris Sparks, and their five children: Jordan, 13; Nick and Chelsea, 11; Kristen, 4; and Noah, 14 months.

**Second Lieutenant Army Chaplain Brian Webb** (BRE 1998) began serving as the Battalion Chaplain for the 210th Military Police Battalion out of Taylor, Michigan on September 1.

## 1990's ALUMNI NEWS



Zeb and **Amy (Atchley, BRE 2001)** Johnston are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Logan David. Logan was born on September 30. He was 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 21.5 inches long.

## FUTURE CRUSADERS

**Bill** (BA 1952) & Joyce **Lower** live in Denver, Colorado and attend the Gateway Christian Church. Bill graduated from Great Lakes on June 4, 1952 as the first graduate to receive a diploma from first president Ralph Woodard. This first degree certificate is on real sheepskin. Bill attended college while preaching during the summers in Indiana at the South Milford Church. Following graduation, he and Joyce were married and entered into full-time ministry with the South Milford church for \$50 a week.

Bill's ministry career took him to Etna Green, Indiana (1953-1956), Colony Heights Church in Ft. Wayne, Indiana (1956-1969), Northglenn, Colorado (1969-1981), and Denver, Colorado (1989-1996) where he retired. He presently serves 20 funeral home locations in Colorado and provides funeral services, as well as officiating at weddings. In 2008, Bill conducted 289 funerals and 35 weddings.

Joyce plays a major role in scheduling these events.

Bill serves as a member of the Colorado Funeral Service Board, a Chaplain for the Black Sheep Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, and has served as a trustee of three of our Bible colleges, including Great Lakes. He has also taken two trips to Southeast Asia where he conducted teaching seminars to church leaders for the Southeast Asia Christian Mission.

Bill and Joyce were struck with tragedy in 1981 when their only daughter, Christina, was killed at the age of 19 by a drunken driver. Bill stepped out of the pulpit for a few years and was employed by a funeral home. He returned to the pulpit in 1989 until his retirement in 1996. After six bypass heart surgeries, Bill's favorite verse is Psalm 73:26, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to **Wayne Church of Christ** in Wayne, Ohio celebrating 150 years on May 3.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## 60th Anniversary for GLCC



Tiana Hawver,  
Chair of the  
60th Anniversary  
Celebration  
Committee

As an alumna of GLCC, I am pleased to head up the 60th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Joining me on this committee is Alumni Association President Brian Walter, and alums Darren Penwell and Mike Kjergaard.

We will be working on the festivities to celebrate the longevity of the College. This will be a celebration everyone will enjoy. Please make plans now to be a part of looking back at our history and looking forward to the future and join us for the 60th anniversary celebration on Friday, September 18.

For more information visit [www.glcc.edu](http://www.glcc.edu).

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



I acquired a book by Peter Kreeft, a favorite thinker of mine, entitled *Before I Go: Letters To Our Children About What Really Matters*. It is a book that you can pick up at any time in a busy day and spend a few minutes gleaning some insights from a man who has developed the discipline of observing the movements of God in everyday life.

One of the brief letters he wrote to his children really spoke to a quest I have been on as a follower of Jesus, father, husband, a faculty member at Great Lakes Christian College, and as a minister of the Gospel. It helps me focus on the calling on my life and, ultimately, the ministry I am involved in at our college.

Kreeft asks and answers powerfully the question: *What is the Big Deal about the Church?*

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When I look at the ministry of Great Lakes Christian College, I take heart because it is not a static, rigid ministry that must rethink its core values to meet the needs of our students and the local church.

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“Why is (the Church) so important? Because she is how we know Jesus. She tells us (by her teaching), shows us (by her saints), and feeds us (by her sacraments).

Why is Jesus so important? Because He is how we know God. He told us, showed us, and fed us.

Why is God so important? Because He is how we know love. He IS love.

Why is love so important? Because it's how we know happiness.

Without love, our happiness is not true happiness.

Without God, our love is not true love.

Without Jesus, our God is not the true God.

Without the Church, our Jesus is not the true Jesus. (Pg. 43)”

As mentioned in my last Key article (Fall 2008), I desire with so many of you to find the balance between the changes in our culture, in people, and subsequently, in ministry to the local community and our clear mandate to share the hope found in Jesus. Often these changes come in such violent shifts in attitudes, beliefs, and values of the people we are ministering to that it is easy to get swept away by our aversion to these changes. We wonder if these changes can diminish the value of the transforming work of Jesus. These can't, they will never be able to and we can hold on to the hope we have. Our hope and purpose is based on the work of Christ and is renewed each day, is faithful, and will produce the will of God.

When I look at the ministry of Great Lakes Christian College, I take heart because it is not a static, rigid ministry that must rethink its core

values to meet the needs of our students and the local church. With the economy on the minds of so many and with the state of the world pursuing so little peace and so much power, many are justly concerned. We read in our newspapers, see on our televisions and computers and hear commentators ask important questions like, “what does the future look like with such instability all around us?”

The purpose for each Christian and for the mission of our school is more solid today and more necessary than at any other point in all of history. People all around us are looking for something to offer them hope. Money fails us. Power is fleeting and when we do have it, it never satisfies. The love we are offered by the world is conditional and so we know we will fail to sustain its sources. So to teach this generation of leaders of the power of God's plan for mankind and to challenge them to offer that which lasts and which satisfies is something that has proven to meet the need of past, present, and future generations.

Let us be encouraged by this simple reminder...the church is our place to be accepted, loved, forgiven, entrusted, and useful. It is also the light to a dark world which reveals a God who became flesh and dwelt among us to reveal that hope. No change in culture will ever be able to change that need and the truth that Jesus is the only thing that will fulfill that void.

*Mark Christian*

*Vice President of*

*Organizational Development*

*Professor of Communication*

*Christian Ministry Department Chair*

# Campus News

## Academic Mentor

### Sandra Kuest

As the Academic Mentor here at GLCC, part of my job is to provide support, encouragement, guidance, and educational assistance to “at risk” students on probation. These students may have learning disabilities, emotional, mental, physical disabilities, or other factors which put them at risk of not completing a college education successfully.

The progress of each student is monitored in a number of ways.

Occasionally a student comes to my office distressed over family, academic, or other personal matters. Each student has the opportunity to express his/her distress and if the student is open to it, we pray together about the situation. These kinds of problems can derail a student's determination to succeed, and it helps to know that someone cares enough to pray with them.

We have seen many students succeed, even excel, who would have been lost in a larger college. Our retention rate is very high, and most of my students are able to get off probation. It is my joy to guide them through the difficult times, and rejoice with their successes. I love my job!



## A Memorial Tribute

### James W. Greenwood



On Monday, September 27, 2008, the fifth president of Great Lakes Christian College, James W. Greenwood, passed from this life into his glorious reward in heaven. While ministering with the congregation at St. Louis, Michigan, Jim served as a trustee of Great Lakes from 1951-1961. Later, after serving as the Executive Director of the Christian Restoration Association

and editor of the Restoration Herald (1970), he was called to the presidency of Great Lakes in 1975 and served through 1979. His work at the College was characterized by hard work with a heart for ministry and a mission to produce more preachers. Ed Erskin (BSL 1959), minister of the Northway Church of Christ in South Bend, Indiana, commends Jim's career in his memorial address as one of “patience, love, sacrifice, dedication, concern, discipline, scholarship, faithfulness, and unselfishness.” His son Mike from Kokomo, Indiana, reflects, “His greatest legacy for me will always be the character and faith which he taught in both word and action...I have lost track of the number of times that someone from one of my dad's former ministries has told me that he was the best Bible teacher they ever knew.”

Jim was a highly respected minister of the Gospel as he held ministries in South Bend, Indiana (1938); Moscow, Ohio; Buchanan, Michigan; Detroit, Michigan (South Redford); St. Louis, Michigan; Pompano Beach, Florida; Columbus, Ohio; and serving at Lake Worth, Florida before retiring in 1990. Jim was married to Jean who went to be with her Lord in 2001. Jean served with Jim as his secretary at the College. He is survived by two sons, Mike and Robert, and two daughters, Carol and Mary, and many grandchildren. He is also survived by his wife Anna (Martin) Greenwood.

Jim's leadership on the campus of Great Lakes elevated the passion to produce more preachers and Christian workers. He was an excellent preacher and exegete of the Bible which provided a wonderful example to the students who attended during his tenure. Great Lakes Christian College honors one of her faithful servants.




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## We have worked hard and have much to be grateful for.

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What a great year 2008 has proven to be. Another positive Fall enrollment! The most credit hours ever taken and a significant increase in first-time, full-time students! And, by the time you read this, we should have a record Spring enrollment on the books! This has been accomplished during tough economic times and shrinking numbers of High School Graduates in our region. Many schools have suffered significant declines in enrollment. We have worked hard and have much to be grateful for.

Our activity this recruiting year has been unprecedented. Four years ago the Admissions Department participated in six college fairs. This year we will do around sixty! This is only one example of how we have multiplied our efforts to increase awareness and get the many advantages of a Great Lakes Christian College education out to prospective students.

One of the most exciting and gratifying accomplishments this past fall was the return of a major youth event to campus — FUSION! This event, held November 7-9 in the Doty Center, was a huge success. We had over 250 High School students and sponsors take part in the inaugural event. Comments from students and sponsors were extremely positive. With the word getting out, we anticipate “standing room only” for November 13-15, 2009. For more information, give us a call.

We are working hard because we have a most significant mission. The importance of Christian higher education has never been greater! College years are said to be the significant time in a student’s “search for identity.” According to an article in Christianity Today (March 2006), “the results of nearly 25 years of research consistently reveal that those who do not attend a Christ-centered college will experience a decline in religious values, attitudes, and behaviors during college.” Steve Henderson, President of Christian Consulting for colleges and Ministries, Inc., states, “...if the past is a fair indication of the future, *at least half and possibly over two thirds of our kids will step away from their faith while attending non-Christian colleges and universities.*” Perhaps the biggest mistake we could make would be to think that it would not happen to our kids! As well as an education from an all-important Christian worldview, the quality of an education at Great Lakes Christian Colleges is second to none! We would love to tell you more! If you or someone you know is searching for a college, please point them our way. Or better yet, let us know who they are and we will contact them. It may very well be one of the best things to ever happen to them!

*Lloyd Scharer  
Director of Admissions and  
College Relations*

# Campus Sports



Front row: Carlos Aroz, Josiah Leblanc, Nate Bassila, Landen Koch, Spencer Husch, Cast Clark. Back row: Coach Scott Aeder, Isaac Gilpin, Jerod Harris,

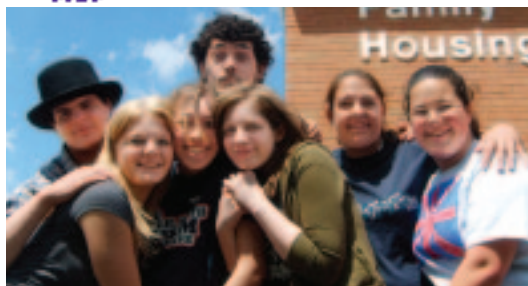
Gene Harris II, Tyler Piercefield, Manager Johnathan Crutcher, Dwayne Carson. Not pictured: Boaz Chong, Robert Evans, Michael Dobson, Joel Klepal.

## Sixteenth Annual Golf Benefit August 8, 2009 8:30 a.m.

**Centennial Acres  
Golf Course**



**PROMISE**  
MUSIC CAMP 2009



**June 15-28, 2008**  
**Application Deadline: March 1**

Women's Spring Celebration

## We're Not in Kansas Anymore

Friday, April 24, 2009

6:30 p.m. Food and Fellowship

8:00 p.m. Program

Tickets: \$ 12.00

Reservation Deadline: April 10



with Julie Gariss as  
"Gladys Frump"

## anniemosesband LIVE IN CONCERT

Saturday, April 25, 2009 ~ 7:30 p.m.

**DOTY CENTER**

on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College  
6211 West Willow Highway, Lansing, MI 48917



**TICKETS: FLOOR SEATING \$18**

**BLEACHER SEATS \$12**

By Phone CALL 800-965-9324

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For more information: 517-321-0242 x 250  
[www.glcc.edu](http://www.glcc.edu)

## MINISTRY WIVES' RETREAT NOVEMBER 6-7, 2009



Praxis:  
from belief to action  
November 13-15, 2009

**CONNECT. COMMIT. COMMUNITY.**

at Great Lakes Christian College  
Lansing, Michigan  
Featuring Randy Harris  
from Abilene Christian University

**April 17-18, 2009**

Michigan Christian Convention

# Beyond the Classroom

**Mark Christian** (BRE 1987), Vice President of Organizational Development, was the main speaker at Impact 2008/Virginia Teen Convention in October; Michigan Christian Campus Ministries Fall Retreat in Traverse City also in October; GLCC's Fusion in November; Indiana Christian Youth Convention at Anderson University in November; and RUSH08 Ski Retreat for the East 91st Christian Church in Indianapolis in December. He also went to South Africa with Christ In Youth to speak at the International School of Youth Ministry and the National Youth Seminar in Bloemfontein, South Africa in December.

**Dr. Alvin Kuest**, Professor of Christian Education, was the setup person for Children's Ministry Magazine Live. This is one day conference in October is put on by Group Publishing. We had over 200 participants and were the largest children's seminar for 2008. Next year, we will host Children's Ministry Unplugged "Energized" on October 24, 2009. He also attended the North American Professors of Christian Education conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Dr. Lloyd Knowles**, Professor of History, led a field trip of Ancient Western Civilization students to the Field Museum and Oriental Institute in Chicago. He continues his interim ministry at the Grand Rapids Christian Church.

**Dr. Esther Hetrick**, Professor of Music, hosted the ACCME (Association of Christian College Music Educators) on the campus of GLCC. Eight of our sister Bible Colleges were represented in this weekend conference. John Witvliet from Calvin College was a guest speaker.

**Ryan Apple** (BRE 1999), Associate Professor of Music, participated in the ACCME conference hosted on GLCC's campus in September. He also gave a faculty recital on October 2nd. Besides playing at GLCC, he also played the recital for the ACCME conference, various churches, a senior apartment complex, and the Lansing City Market.

**John Nugent** (BRE 1995), Professor of Old Testament, led two workshops on the Church for GLCC's Fusion in November, led a seminar on finances in the Lansing community, and published an encyclopedia entry for the Sage Reference Library's Encyclopedia of Time on "Karl Barth" (his view of time).

**Ron Peters** (BRE 1999), Associate Professor of New Testament, attended the national Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Boston. He presented a paper titled, Advancing the Doctrine of the Greek Article.

**Jessie Harden**, Registrar, and **Adam Novello** (BS 2005) and **Jessica Merritt** (BS 2004), Admissions Counselors, attended the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers conference in November.

## Dean's List

Fall 2008 (Full time students — 3.5 GPA or higher)

<b>Allen, Eric</b>	<b>North, Nathan</b>
<b>Alvey, Eden</b>	<b>Owens, Sarah</b>
<b>Beckwith, Kailie</b>	<b>Paget, Mark</b>
<b>Beery, Rebecca</b>	<b>Partridge, Anna</b>
<b>Bingham, Dennis</b>	<b>Penwell, Brittany</b>
<b>Blakely, Mark</b>	<b>Phelps, Lindsey</b>
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<b>Chamberlin, Joel</b>	<b>Ruff, Kayla</b>
<b>DeWitt, Adam</b>	<b>Shouey, Jared</b>
<b>Donald, Jessica</b>	<b>Smiley, Martin</b>
<b>Esquivel, Sarah</b>	<b>Smith, Natasha</b>
<b>Finch, Hemann</b>	<b>Sprandel, Ashley</b>
<b>Gniewek, Brad</b>	<b>St. Louis, Joanna</b>
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<b>Harris, Gene</b>	<b>Vasquez, Adrienn</b>
<b>Harris, Jerod</b>	<b>Villareal, Abby</b>
<b>Higgins, Patrick</b>	<b>Walker, Anne</b>
<b>Hodgman, David</b>	<b>Warren, Brendan</b>
<b>Johnson, Jennifer</b>	<b>Warthen, Todd</b>
<b>Jones, Todd</b>	<b>Webb, Kaela</b>
<b>Kelley, Antonio</b>	<b>Woods, Aaron</b>
<b>Klepal, Joanna</b>	<b>Zeedyk, Rebecca</b>
<b>Klepal, Joel</b>	
<b>Kretzschmer, Nicole</b>	
<b>Lowe, Sarah</b>	
<b>Lumley, Lawrence</b>	
<b>Mailand, Heidi</b>	

# Upcoming Events

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## MARCH

- 14 Bible Bowl
- 20 Last day to Withdraw
- 23-27 Week of Outreach 2

## APRIL

- 4 Bible Bowl
- 17-18 MCC**
- 24 Women's Spring Celebration**
- 24 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 24 Senior Showcase
- 25 Annie Moses Band**

## MAY

- 2 Bible Bowl
- 5 Honors Chapel
- 7 10-Year Reception for President Carter
- 12-14 Final Exams
- 15 Senior Banquet
- 16 Commencement

## JUNE

- 14-26 Promise Music Camp
- 26 Promise Home Concert

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 18-19 60th Anniversary/AlumniFest09**

## NOVEMBER

- 6-7 Ministry Wives' Retreat
- 13-15 Fusion

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