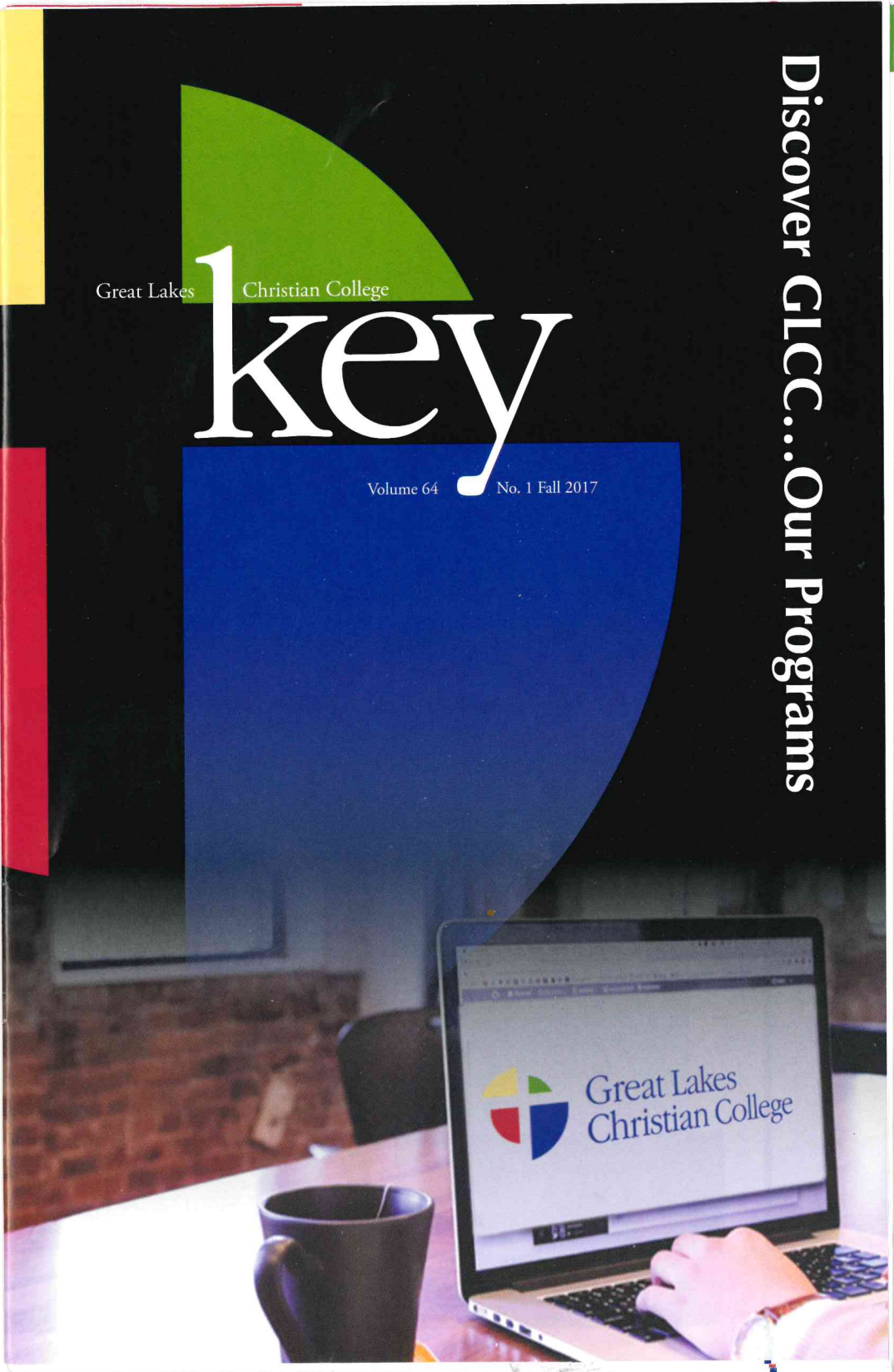


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Discover GLCC... Our Programs





Every ten years Great Lakes Christian College, like all other colleges, is required to reaffirm our accredited status with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC is one of six national organizations that provide accreditation for colleges and universities. The HLC is responsible for accrediting degree granting post-secondary educational institutions in the 19 state North Central region of which we are a part. This November we will be

undergoing our ten-year reaffirmation. The accreditation process consists of the College writing an extensive Assurance Argument based on five criteria and filing Federal Compliance forms that prove we are worthy of continued good standing with the HLC. All of the written evidence has been submitted and we are waiting for the Peer Review visit that will occur on November 13&14. The Peer Reviewers task is to corroborate the written report through interviews with Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and Students and any additional information that might help them determine the continued status of GLCC. Earlier in September we held a "mock" visit that gave us confident that we will be reaffirmed and remain in good standing.

We believe that pursuing continued accreditation helps to make us a better institution of higher learning. The HLC criteria

and core components help us to evaluate our effectiveness in student learning, strategic planning, and institutional assessment. It helps us to measure our overall quality according to best-practice and accepted academic standards. Early in the Assurance Argument we described who we are as a College by stating, "The core of the academic program is the Bible Theology courses. Philosophically, the College views the Old Testament, New Testament, and Theology Departments like a three-legged platform. These fields of study work together to form a foundation for all of the other programs and College offerings. The College deems that foundation so important in producing God-honoring servant leaders that every student is required to graduate with a double major – the major of their choice and a Bible/Theology Major." The HLC has no desire to change our mission or our content. They just want to make sure that we are who we say we are and that our ability to provide a quality college education is assured for our students now and into the foreseeable future. They want students and extended constituency to feel confident that GLCC is a College of integrity, transparency, and excellence and that its programs will help provide an education that will equip them for life and living.

Be sure to Discover GLCC and our programs on the next couple of pages.

– Larry Carter
President



Baker Estate Funds Baker Scholarship

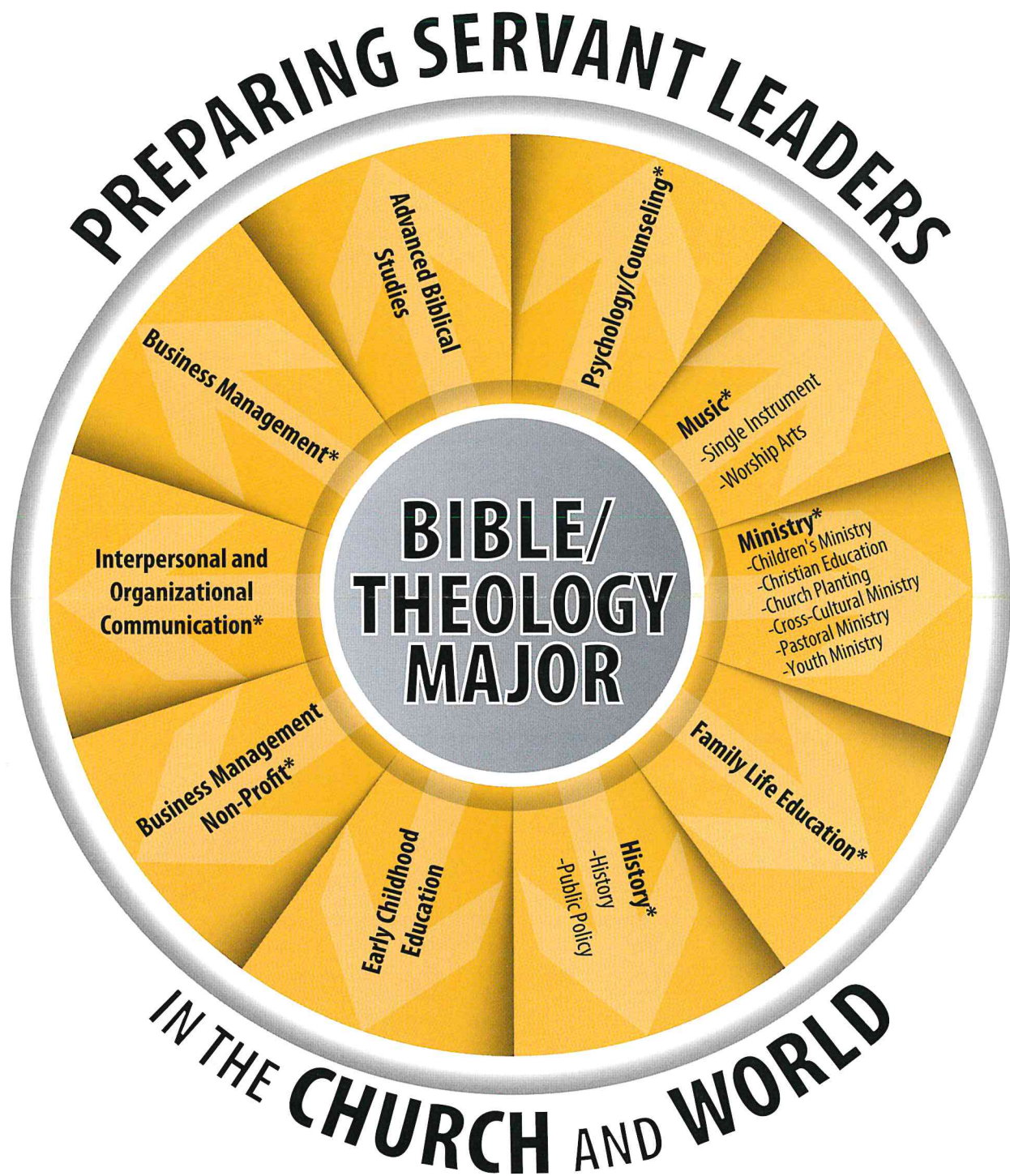
The College is both honored and blessed to be the beneficiary of the estate of Bill Baker from Shelbyville, IN. Bill died on April 14, 2017. He was a member of the Indian Creek Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN. His passion in life was studying the Bible and participating in Bible Bowls around the United States. He not only helped to run the National Bible Bowl but also in many local Bible Bowl programs in multiple churches. In fact, he was an active volunteer with Bible Bowl for over 40 years working behind the scenes and encouraging kids to study the Bible. He spent time on the GLCC campus with his church's team. The executor of his estate shared that Bill "felt at home" on our campus. Never comfortable being out in front, he

spent a great deal of time behind the scenes repairing the Bible Bowl boards and carried duct tape and extra board parts in his trunk. He was also known to spend lots of time listening to and encouraging his Bible Bowl students who had difficult home situations.

Bill worked in a factory for 45 years and had just retired in January of 2017. The executor shared that Bill was instrumental in helping several students attend GLCC who might not otherwise have had the funds to attend. He would tell the students, "If you can't get there, I'll help ya. You don't want to be out here (working in a factory) for 45 years. You want to get a good job." Bill would have done anything for his Bible Bowl kids.

He specifically requested that the \$350,000.00 gift be used for scholarships to help students go to GLCC. Many Bible Bowl students as well as students looking for a quality Christian education will benefit from this scholarship in the future. His desire to see young students learn the Word of God and be prepared for Christian service will continue as his legacy as these scholarships are awarded. The College is grateful for his life of service and his foresight to continue blessing students with his generosity in order to build the kingdom.

ON CAMPUS PROGRAMS



Degrees

Bachelor of Science
 Associate of Arts (General Education)
 Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education
 Associate of Arts (Adult Learning Programs-
 Ministry Areas)

Additional minors:

English
 Humanities
 Outdoor Leadership
 Social Science

*Indicates a minor offered in that area

Servant-leaders in the Church and World

Preparing students to be servant-leaders in the church context is the primary focus of GLCC. Ministry in the church has come to mean a wide variety of roles and responsibilities. Recognizing this developing trend, the faculty of GLCC has consolidated a number of ministry focused majors into a single Ministry Major with several possible concentrations. Students share a common ministry training curriculum relevant to all vocational ministers, then choose a specialty to further develop skills in their specific area of interest. The majors in Advanced Biblical Studies, Family Life Education, and Worship Ministry equip students for other areas of ministry within the church.

Several of our programs also provide the transition to careers and occupations outside the church context or even into graduate work. These programs enable students to receive a Christian education while preparing to be a witness for Christ in the workplace.

"All of our programs glorify God, educate and equip our students and provide servant leaders for the church and world. I'm happy to be a part of continuing this legacy of foundational Biblical teaching and ministry training."

- Mike Harrison, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Cooperative Programs

Throughout our history we have had the privilege of partnering with other educational institutions to assist us in providing an educational foundation that would meet the needs of the servant leaders we would be sending out. Spring Arbor University (Elementary Education), Cornerstone University (Secondary Education), Summit Leadership Articulation Agreement (Outdoor Leadership Minor), University of Phoenix Articulation Agreement, and URBAN Neighbours of Hope Articulation Agreement (Urban Mission Minor). These cooperative programs help us train students for education, leadership, and missions. To find out more details of each of these cooperative efforts contact our Admissions Department.

Early/Dual Enrollment

Great Lakes is also interested in students who excel and desire to take classes prior to the completion of their high school course of study, whether in public or private schools or homeschooled students. Students must be at least 16 years old and be in their last two years of high school studies. Some of the courses available are Introduction to Biblical Interpretation, Personal Spiritual Formation, Speech Fundamentals, Composition and Grammar, Ancient and Medieval Civilization and Literature, Music, Philosophy and Ethics, or Psychology. Entrance as a dual enrolled student is through the Admissions Department.

Adult Continuing Education

Elevate is the Adult Continuing Education program providing Biblical teaching that ELEVATES faith. Dr. Dan Cameron teaches these six week courses on Monday evenings. The book of Romans and James have been covered so far. The next class will begin on February 19, 2018 and will be on the topic of Apologetics.

Register online at glcc.edu/events



ONLINE COURSES STARTED!



**Jon Jakubowski, Recruiting Director
for Adult and Online Education**

"I come to Great Lakes Christian College with 15 years of higher education experience recruiting and advising from Davenport University working with predominantly non-traditional students and transfer

programs. My family resides in Holt and my wife Amanda is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

I'm excited about this new opportunity to help launch the first online course offerings. It's GLCC goal to provide a quality online education with the 2 year track in Bible Theology and the 4 year track in Christian Leadership and Communication. I ask you to pass the word and share with others this new and exciting path available to those who want to start or finish their education."

Courses Available Every Five Weeks

Great Lakes Christian College understands what it takes to be an online learner while being committed to family and other obligations. We want to help you fulfill God's plans for your life. GLCC courses are designed to be flexible and affordable for the adult learner 22 years and older by investing time entirely online 24/7 from the comforts of their office, home or coffee shop.

The course lengths are a two year Bible Theology track and a four year Christian Leadership and Communication track. Each track is designed to start a new cohort every 5 weeks and each class is three credits with an investment of \$395 per credit hour. So if you are looking to finish your education or to get it started call today.

HOW TO ENROLL - ADULT ONLINE COURSES

Contact Jon Jakubowski for the next cohort start date
jjakubowski@glcc.edu

517-319-2600 or text at 708-ONL-GLCC

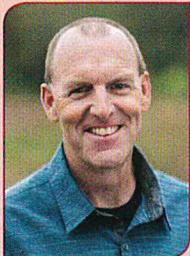
For a description of the courses go to
www.glcc.edu/online-courses/

"I cannot tell you how thrilled I am to be so close to receiving my degree. My time at GLCC has had a tremendous impact on my life and ministry. The friends I made and the training I received there has helped me so much in my life. I have found myself telling others, and especially Rochelle, I wish I had put more into my time there. I am a better student and I value education way more than I ever have at this point in my life. I guess that's what happens when maturing takes place."

**Paul Yerrick, Mission Community Church
Service Programming Pastor, Gilbert, AZ**

Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Given

Ruth Armstrong (Holley) and Steve Larson were awarded the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Alumni Association at the Commencement Ceremony in May 2017. As alumni they both have exemplified outstanding service to the church and a consistent loyalty to GLCC. Ruth attended GLCC and graduated in 1967 (three of her classmates joined her for this occasion). She was brought on staff in 1976 to work as secretary, mailroom supervisor, teacher and supervised the GLCC Puppet Team. The students loved her attitude and positive spirit. She was known as the "big sister" on campus or even better known as "Mailroom Mama!" After GLCC she served the Lord at Golden years Homestead in Ft. Wayne, IN as secretary.



Steve Larson began his college career at GLCC for two years and then went to Cincinnati Christian University to finish up in 1984. He also earned his Master's in Ministry at Kentucky Christian University. Steve has been instrumental in church planting through East 91st Street Christian Church and by directing New Churches of Christ Evangelism. Steve is currently the Senior Vice President of Regional Operations with The Solomon Foundation. Steve and his wife Shelly are currently members of the 242 Community Church in Lansing.



Ruth Armstrong and Phil Beavers,
VP of Institutional Advancement

Divine Servant Award Recipient - Mark Christian

The Divine Servant Recognition is given to a Senior Student or alumnus whose life has consistently illustrated the sacrificial servant spirit as taught by Jesus Christ and demonstrated in the life of Dr. Brant Lee Doty.

Mark Christian is the Senior Minister of Christ's Church of Oronogo located just outside of Joplin, Missouri. Mark has been with that church for 8 years and has seen remarkable growth during his ministry. Not only does the church now minister to over three thousand people, he has helped to lead in the planting of four new churches – one in Joplin and three in Japan. He leads a staff of 50 individuals trying to inculcate a culture of servant leadership and a God-honoring vision that fulfills the mission of the church. He is a respected and admired leader throughout the Midwest and his influence is felt in the lives of many.



Mark Christian, Ruth Doty, Heather Christian

He is best known nationally as a featured speaker for the Christ In Youth Conferences. His dynamic messages have challenged thousands of young people to get serious about their faith and to consider how best to serve the Lord. Only God knows how many he has encouraged to answer the call to full-time ministry.

Mark and his wife Heather graduated from GLCC in 1987 and then Mark continued to CMU to receive a Masters in Interpersonal and Public Communication while ministering at the First Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant, MI as youth minister and senior minister. He also served GLCC as professor and VP of Academic Affairs and Trustee.

We congratulate Mark for receiving the 2017 Divine Servant Award.



Harry Richards

A true servant-leader...Harry Richards

You will see quite often a busy volunteer taking care of the huge task of spraying weeds around campus. Harry Richards is that volunteer. After working for the College as VP of Finance and Operations back in the 90's, Harry went into volunteer mode. We appreciate all the hours that he puts in, not only on the grounds but also in the Finance Department. **THANK YOU HARRY!**



The 2017 Distinguished Service Award given by the Alumni Association was awarded to Larry Long, chairman of the Board of Trustees in May 2017 at a regular Board meeting. This award is given to a friend of the college that exemplifies outstanding service in the Kingdom of God and has shown a consistent loyalty to GLCC. Larry first became acquainted with GLCC in the late 1980's while coaching a Bible Bowl team. He has served three terms on the Board of Trustees since the 1990's. He has taken his role seriously as a Trustee and continues to give of his time, talent, and treasure to the cause of Christ through Great Lakes. Larry also served as one of our best recruiters by sending his three children to GLCC. Larry and his wife Margaret live in Alabama.

The Alumni Association would like to invite GLCC Alumni to recommend and submit candidates for the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is given to an alumnus who represents Christ well and fosters good will through utilizing their time, talent, and treasure to the expansion and promotion of the Kingdom through Great Lakes Christian College. Visit the Alumni Association webpage to find this recommendation form as well as other forms and information concerning the benefits of being an Alumni Association Member.

JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY!



RESTORATION APPRECIATION WEEK IN REVIEW

October was the month we hosted our second annual Restoration Appreciation Week. It was an Acts 2:42 kind of week with teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.

- During chapel on Tuesday and Friday, we were blessed with excellent presentations by Jordan Kellicut, minister of the Oakland Dr. Christian Church in Portage, MI and Dr. Paul Kissling, professor at Lincoln Christian Seminary, followed by table fellowship and discussion with both speakers Friday afternoon.
- On Tuesday evening, we were encouraged by an all-campus devotions on unity led by Colton Wesley and followed by koinonia in the dorms.
- On Wednesday evening, we celebrated with festive food and engaging activities that exposed students to the three branches of the Restoration Movement, followed by an informative and thought-provoking Q&A session with alumni servant leaders Pam St. Louis, Jared Gates, and Regan Clem.

Jordan Kellicut opened our eyes to Barton W. Stone's apocalyptic conviction that Jesus inaugurated a new age in world history and will indeed return to consummate his reign. Jesus turned the world upside down and calls us to a life of fervent worship and evangelistic zeal. Jordan called us to imagine with Stone what it might mean for us to be "a united, unwaveringly devoted Christian Church whose eyes are only for Jesus and whose passion is singlemindedly focused on His renown."

Paul Kissling reminded us that the task of restoration is not done and that a movement founded in Scripture must ever reform its understanding of Scripture. He highlighted our struggles to do so, our unique potential to do so, and four concrete proposals for doing so faithfully today. Paul concluded with this challenge: "If we are embracing the movement, this continuing reformation, we must become people soaked in Scripture and use the Scripture-based energy to tell the story and live the story."

As with last year's presentations, GLCC will be putting together a pamphlet that will be available in hardcopy and electronic forms. Visit our Restoration Appreciation page on our website for ePamphlets and video links.

These events are not just for our students. They are for GLCC family and friends! So begin making plans to join us next October!

- Dr. John Nugent, *Professor of Theology*

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Ryan Bushnell, Dean of Students, spoke at the High School week at Rock Lake Christian Assembly this summer. This month he will be attending two trainings, "Understanding Racism Workshop" and the Title IX Coordinator and Investigator Training.

Mike Harrison, professor of Interpersonal and Organizational Communication recently presented, "Three Dimensions of Leadership," to local chapters of Rotary and a local church's men's group. The presentation helps listeners to consider God's purpose and plan for their lives and encourages them to take the steps to move forward in their calling as leaders.

Dr. Lloyd Knowles taught one class session in a Restoration History class at Johnson University in Kissimmee, Florida, last February 22nd. He also enjoyed a special afternoon visiting with John [and "Ginger"] Hasty, past president of "GLBC", who is finishing his 4th book.

Dr. John Nugent, professor of Theology, led a workshop in Sault Ste. Marie called "Commission Drift." He delivered two papers at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference. He had the privilege of being the main speaker at a minister's retreat and at Rock Lake Christian Assembly's Labor Day retreat. John also led a workshop at the annual Ekklesia Project Gathering.

Ryan Apple, professor of Music and financial aid director, led worship at the annual Ekklesia Project Conference in Chicago from July 6-8 where 150 ministers, lay leaders, and theologians from all across the country and all across the theological spectrum gathered. Ryan and his wife Darcie had a new baby, Asher Malachi, on July 30.

Miriam Hulett and **Judy Carter** (Co-Directors of ECE Program) held three Early Childhood Education workshops on campus that were designed for those who work with young children from birth to age 8.



Tim Wynsma has been called to be the Vice President of Finance and Operations as of September 1, 2017. Tim is a Grand Rapids native and currently lives in Jenison with his wife Rhonda. Tim is a graduate of Davenport University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management and a minor in Information Services. He went on to get his Masters Degree and received his MBA. He was an employee of Harrow Products for thirty years where he was IT Manager and Director. Tim fulfills the role of Vice President and also is professor and director of our Business Management and Business Management Non Profit majors. Tim says, "It is truly a God opportunity that I am offered a position with a Christian College. My experience in business allows me to add value as a team member and provides good background to teach business classes. I feel it is an investment in eternity as we are able to influence students and minister to them."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2017

NOVEMBER

3-4	Ministry Wives Retreat
10	FUSION
13 -14	Higher Learning Commission Peer Review
22 - 26	Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

2	Early Childhood Education Seminar
8	Christmas on Campus
19 - 21	Final Exams
23	Semester Break

2018

JANUARY

15	Classes Begin
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FEBRUARY

13 - 24	Mission Trip to India
19 - 23	Week of Outreach 1

MARCH

2	Board of Trustees Meeting
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APRIL

2 - 6	Week of Outreach 2
13 - 14	Michigan Christian Convention
27	Women's Spring Celebration

MAY

8	Honors Chapel
14 - 16	Final Exams
18	Board of Trustees Meeting
19	Commencement

Dean's List

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Steven McFarland
Alexia Nightengale
Gabraelle Parrish
Alisha Schneider
Zackary Woiteshek

Great Lakes Christian College Presents
CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

BREAKING NEWS BETHLEHEM

EVENING NEWS

Coverage You Can Count On

Friday, December 8
7:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$10

You may go online at iTickets.com and search for Christmas on Campus to purchase your tickets, or call 800-965-9324 to reserve tickets.

Ticket sales will be handled through iTickets.com.

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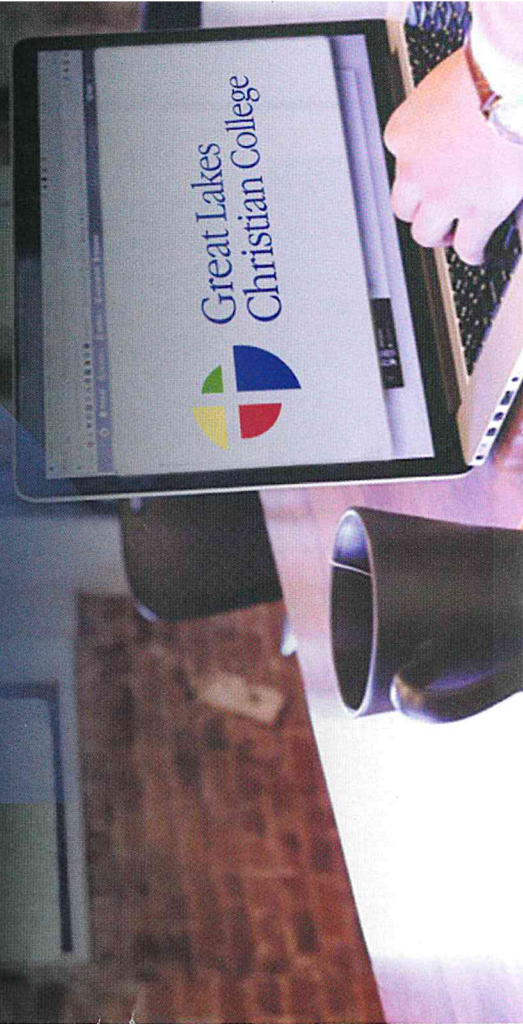
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