

KEY Insights _____





One of the things that concern me is the church's seeming drift away from a focus on world missions to more local or domestic ministries where they can have a "hands on" experience. The sense of responsibility and vision churches have had in the past for doing their part to spread the Gospel around the world seems to have been replaced by a desire to increase their "footprint" in their own backyard. In talking with a number of foreign missionaries they have all expressed

a growing concern about the number of churches that have written to inform them that their partnership in the Gospel was coming to an end. No dissatisfaction was expressed. No problems with the focus of their ministry were offered. It was just that the supporting church was moving in a different direction. In some cases, the partnership reflected 30 to 40 years of working together - decades of sharing a vision that afforded others the opportunity of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. But, now, because of a desire to do something different, that relationship is coming to an end. And it is the relationship part that brings the most pain to a missionary. Yes, they appreciate the financial support. But, it is the partnership, the relationship they share with the churches that help them feel that they are not in this alone, that someone is praying for them, that their ministry is needed and significant.

We, at Great Lakes Christian College, are hoping to stem the current move away from a focus on worldwide missions. We are trying to develop servant leaders who see that the responsibility for evangelizing the world is just as relevant today as it was

yesterday. One of the ways we do this is through our Weeks of Outreach. This February, I led a group of 13 GLCC students and faculty to Damoh, India. One of our students, Steven McFarland, is the son and grandson of missionaries working there with Mid-India Christian Services. What our team experienced there was life changing. We saw first hand the end result of a partnership between American churches and faithful servants in India. Jay Henry, the leader of the mission effort in Damoh, has helped to plant 90 churches, established a Bible College that has graduated hundreds of leaders to serve in those churches, and has established a K-12 school of 2,600 students, 90% of which are Hindus. Their ministry has made an incredible difference in a region known for its radical Hinduism. The stories we heard of faith and courage in the face of hatred and persecution inspired us. Our passion for evangelism, especially worldwide evangelism, was rejuvenated. And as a result, some of our students are planning to return to India to serve their internship with Mid-India Christian Services. My prayer is that when they commit to Kingdom work on the mission field, churches will be there to support them!

Our goal is to teach, lead, and inspire our students to consider a life lived in service to the King. A part of that goal is to instill in our students a desire to serve the Lord in mission points around the world. The responsibility for worldwide evangelism isn't someone else's duty – it is ours. We feel the burden of that responsibility and will do whatever we can to pass that burden on to the next generation. We need to tell the Good News about Jesus in every "clime and land apart". This is who we are. This is what we do.

Larry Carter
 President



Educating the next generation of Christian leaders

ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

This major's goal is to lay a strong foundation of biblical, theological, and language knowledge for use in a career or in pursuing an advanced seminary degree.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT NONPROFIT

This major prepares the student for entry-leve management positions in large nonprofit organizations as well as leadership positions in smaller organizations. Students will be able to apply sound, effective ethical practices, build trust and relationships for personal and corporate effectiveness.

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

Bible Theology is the basic, required major for all students at GLCC. Students acquire a detailed knowledge of the contents and theology of the Bible as well as reliable approaches to its interpretation.

PSYCHOLOGY/ COUNSELING

This major prepares students with a basic understanding of the elements of therapeutic relationships and gain and understanding of various counseling theories and techniques.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This major assists students seeking certification by the State of Michigan to teach in or operate a nursery school or preschool or to lead a church affiliated program effectively.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

This major will teach how to assess family strengths, understand how families function and be able to serve, educate and minister to families and individuals.

INTERPERSONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

This major develops a strong and diverse background in communication skills, research, and theory helping students build a solid communication foundation to hone their skills and to help prepare for a range of communication experiences.

MINISTRY

- 1. The Children's Ministry Concentration will equip students for ministry as a children's program specialist in a congregation, exhibiting leadership skills in a variety of educational settings.
- 2. The Christian Education Concentration will equip students to effectively transmit the truth of the Bible in a congregational ministry from birth to senior adult.
- 3. Church Planting Concentration will develop the rationale for church planting and learn the strategies most useful in launching and establishing new churches.
- 4. Cross-Cultural Ministry Concentration establishes a foundation of historical and current trends in Cross Cultural ministries as well as the techniques of cross-cultural communication.
- 5. Pastoral Ministry Concentration trains students in the areas of preaching, teaching, counseling, administrating, visioning, and most importantly, serving.
- 6. Youth Ministry Concentration helps to develop a theological, psychological and pastoral approach to working with children and youth while working in a multi-staff church or ministry.

HISTORY AND PUBLIC POLICY

This major helps students acquire a basic knowledge of the events, people, places, dates and timelines of history. Students will learn to display the ethical lessons of history that are consistent with Biblical Christian morality in the conduct of their lives.

MUSIC

This major equips students in performance music and worship ministry areas, giving them experience in performance and thorough training in their primary instrument (voice, piano or guitar), as well as providing foundational studies in music and leadership skills.



Tribute Gifts (through December 2017)

A tribute gift is a meaningful way to convey sympathy to the bereaved, memorialize a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or honor someone special with your gift to Great Lakes Christian College. Making a gift in this way shows your appreciation for the impact they have or had on your life. Any gift can be made "in memory" of or "in honor" of someone and we will notify the person or family of your kindness and thoughtfulness if we are supplied with a name and address.

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Offering A Quality Higher Education In A Christian Setting

Greg Stauffer, Vice President of Enrollment Management

I am excited about my role at Great Lakes. I'm blessed with this position of Vice President of Enrollment Management (and to occupy Doc Doty's office when I was going to school is amazing!) It is my desire to let my life, attitude and nature help transform, not just the areas of which I am responsible, but also the entire GLCC family.

We are a Christian (Bible) College equipping students to be qualified Christian leaders in the church and the world. As you can see from our programs on pages 2 and 3, we offer a quality higher education in a positive Christian setting. This excites me to think that we are making a difference in churches and in the region as our alumni serve and give their lives for the Gospel after getting their education from us. One of the things I have learned already is that we have a vision to expand this impact in the future.

In order for our vision to be realized, we need your help in identifying students that will help us fulfill our mission. These are students that have their sight set on Jesus and a desire to engage the world with His message. If you know of someone that could value from being a part of Great Lakes please contact our Admissions Department at 800-YES-GLCC. In the future, please keep an eye out for these individuals as well. We need your help as we make a difference in the lives of students and the life of the Church.

Summer Outreach Team and Schedule

June 10-15

Hanging Rock, West Lebanon, IL Round Lake, Lakeville, OH Lake James, Angola, IN CIY Move - Anderson, IN

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Michiana, Niles, MI CIY Move - Holland, MI

June 24-29

Hanging Rock, West Lebanon, IL Michiana, Niles, MI CIY Move - Holland, MI Novesta Church of Christ VBS

July 1-6

Lake James, Angola, IN CIY Move - Holland, MI

July 8-13

Michiana, Niles, MI Rock Lake, Vestaburg, MI Wolverine, Columbiaville, MI CIY Move - Wheaton, IL

July 15-20

Lake James, Angola, IN Rock Lake, Vestaburg, MI Wilderness, Kalkaska, MI Kentwood Christian Church VBS

July 22-27

Michiana, Niles, MI



Front row: Hayley Terrell, Kelly Rundel, Mariah Siebert Back row: Lucy Mohr, Britten Wesley, Jordan Harrison, Sierra Nugent, Kristin Dorris



Why We Need a New Wave of Restorationism

If we wish to remain viable as a restoration movement, we need a strong sense of identity to ground us and a strong sense of local connectedness to stabilize us. We need people outside of us to remain centered on the Scriptures. . . . We don't need a hierarchy of ruling powers to tell us what to do; we need a network of kingdom friends to come alongside and remind us who we are and how privileged we are to be what God has gifted us to be.

If we don't center ourselves on the Scriptures and fortify ourselves with voluntary networks of kingdom partners, we will cease to be a restoration movement. Without a sense of connectedness to other churches through fellowship and structures of unity, we become self-contained institutions. When we become self-contained, we lean more and more on our own understanding and resources....

What can we do to foster a strong sense of locality? Let's use Michigan as an example. For the Restoration Movement to be great in Michigan, our churches must truly love one another. We must prioritize one another with our time energy and resources. If sister churches are in need, what might we do to come alongside them? We must also support our structures of unity. This means sending our youth to Independent Christian Church youth camps, like Rock Lake Christian Assembly, Wilderness Christian Assembly, Wolverine Christian Service Camp, and Lake James Christian Camp.

We shouldn't be asking, "What's the very best youth camp around?" or "Where can we get the most bang for our buck?" We should help make our camps, the ones we've started, some of the best youth camps around. Baptist camps have Baptist churches supporting them and Baptist denominational hierarchies stabilizing them. Of course they can offer amazing programming with thrilling aquatic super launchers. But our youth camps only have us. The Baptist hierarchies aren't going to start funding Rock Lake. They scholarship their kids to attend their camps, which their churches sponsor. They take pride in their tradition and they invest their resources in such a way as to ensure that it thrives and has a future—and so must we.

If someone desires to plant churches, they should partner with New Churches of Christ Evangelism. Interested in conferences? Bring a group from your church to the Michigan Christian Convention and take your youth to GLCC's Fusion and Michigan Statewide. Want a Christian college education? Send your students to Great Lakes.

Now I know what some of you are thinking. Not all of these camps and not all of these conferences and institutions put out the highest quality program. I get that. It feels natural to want the best for our youth, our congregations, and our families. But if that is our mentality, we might want to pause and ask, is that Biblical? We need to ask why God took Abraham and the Israelites away from the height of ancient civilization to form them in Canaan, the land of the perpetual underdog...why God chose as patriarchs, judges, and kings those who were least likely to succeed by ordinary human standards...why Jesus was born to a poor family in a podunk town and carried out most of his ministry away from the most prominent cities with the help of poorly educated, unimpressive men...why he preached that the first is last and the last first... why the Apostle Paul regarded his most impressive accomplishments as rubbish and reminded the Corinthians that God chose them while they were nobodies precisely because He loves using nobodies to showcase His wisdom and power ...why God chooses the things that are not to shame the things that are ...why the lowly are being raised and the high and mighty are lowered... why the meek inherit the earth, and why the rich and successful find it nearly impossible to enter the kingdom. We should perhaps ask most of all, who in Scripture offers Jesus the best that this world has to offer? Is it not the devil?

If we truly want the Restoration Movement to be great, we need to stop comparing what God has given us to what God has given others. We need to start receiving what God has given us as a precious gift that we are privileged to love and to cherish.

- Dr. John Nugent, Professor of Theology (Excerpts from a speech at the 2016 Restoration Appreciation Week)

Restoration Appreciation Week - October 9-12, 2018

We would like you to mark your calendar for this event that highlights our heritage in the Restoration Movement. On Tuesday and Friday special speakers will be addressing this theme during our chapel time. Students will be involved in activities throughout the week. And, this year we would like to have churches set aside Sunday, October 14 as Restoration Appreciation Sunday where you as a church join us in bringing awareness to our rich heritage. GLCC will be providing resources for this special Sunday.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Dr. John Nugent, professor of Theology, attended the Society of Biblical Literature conference in Boston. He spoke at a couple of retreats and taught two class sessions for a Christian school in Damoh, India during a GLCC sponsored mission trip.

Dr. Lloyd Knowles, professor of History, continues to be involved with the Stone-Campbell Conference that will take place in Tennessee this April.

Monica Price, Director of Student Success. Monica led a group of GLCC TESOL students to India where 80 local ministers were trained to teach English as well as share the gospel in after-school English clubs. She also has led youth ministry trips for Gracespring Bible Church in Kalamazoo to conduct a VBS for refugee children and another trip to the homeless and disenfranchised families.

Dr. Ron Peters, professor of New Testament, Ron fulfilled an interim pulpit ministry with the Ligonier Church of Christ in Ligonier, IN.

Sam Long, associate professor of Old Testament, has filled the pulpit at the Ignition Church in Redford, MI and in Cass City, MI.

Judy Carter and **Miriam Huelett** have organized and conducted 4 Early Childhood Education Workshops, with the help of alumni Jessica Yurgel.

Dr. Dan Cameron is the professor for our Adult Education Classes that take place every 6 weeks. A new class in the "Elevate" series started on February 19 with 12 students on the topic of Apologetics.

Professor **Ryan Apple's** poem "Wandering Stars" was published in the anthology *Adam, Eve,* and *the Riders of the Apocalypse* (Cascade, 2017). Another of his poems recently won first prize in the 2018 Chaparral Poetry Contest, a nationwide poetry competition sponsored by chapters of the Utah State Poetry Society.

ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE

Great Lakes Christian College understands what it takes to be an online learner while being committed to family and having other obligations. We now have available online courses designed for the adult learner 22 years and older. 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, give us a call today to talk about it.

HOW TO ENROLL - ADULT ONLINE COURSES

Contact Jon Jakubowski for the next cohort start date. jjakubowski@glcc.edu 517-321-2600 or text at 708-ONL-GLCC

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

Academic Calendar

June 17 – 23	Promise
June 29	Promise Home Concert (Doty Center)
July 12 & 14	Early Registration
August 2 – 4	Women of the Word
August 11	Golf Benefit
August 20	Emerging Scholar Enrollment
August 22	New Student Enrollment
August 24	Returning Student Enrollment
August 27	Classes Begin
August 28	Convocation (Doty Center)
September 28	Board of Trustees Meeting
October 22 – 23	Fall Break
November 2-3	Ministry Wives Retreat