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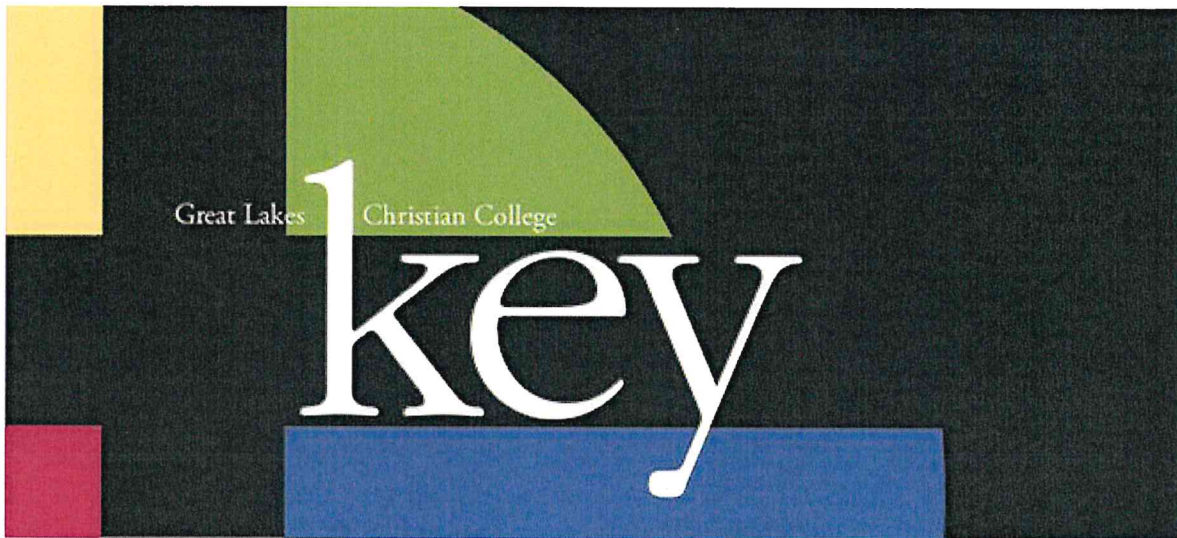
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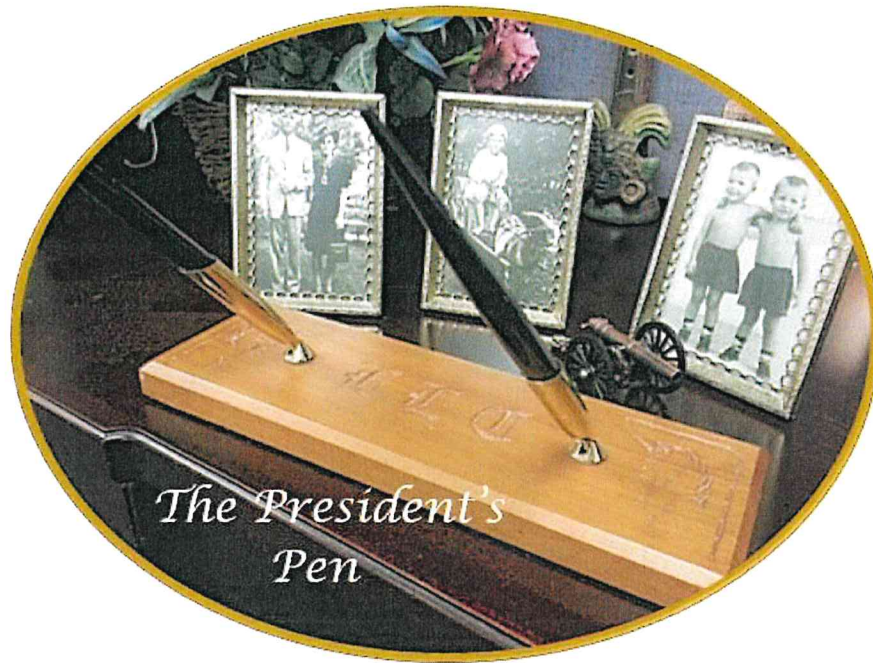
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"Remembered for My Best"

President Larry Carter

There has been a lot in the news recently about the indiscretions, faults, and misdeeds of such individuals as state governors and British royalty. The allegations may be true and, if they are, the wrongs should be addressed and consequences be paid. But, the questions on my mind are, "How would, or should, these allegations impact a person's legacy? Is someone's legacy determined by their momentary badness or by a lifetime of service? Is it right to judge a life by someone's worst moment or their best?"

I have been a part of many funerals where the spouse and children seem to focus on the worst characteristics of their departed family member grousing about some incident that happened years ago. The family misses any blessing derived by being a part of the deceased's life because they are blinded by the anger and bitterness that comes from someone not living up to another's expectations. I sometimes read Philippians 4:8 during these moments – "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."

Whether you understand this verse to be in reference to what the Philippians were to think about Paul's teaching, as verse 9 seems to imply, I still believe that advice is valuable when thinking about others. There is something about us that draws us to dwell on the worst of others. There's something alluring about nursing a grudge, feeding an anger, judging, and blaming. We sometimes take perverse pleasure in damaging the reputation of others, piously proclaiming their unworthiness, and making sure they're remembered for their worst, not their best. Grace and mercy seem to be in short supply these days. Even among Christians. Wouldn't we benefit from taking Paul's advice? No, we shouldn't excuse wrongdoing or minimize the pain of others, but, in the end, isn't there something redeeming about seeing a person

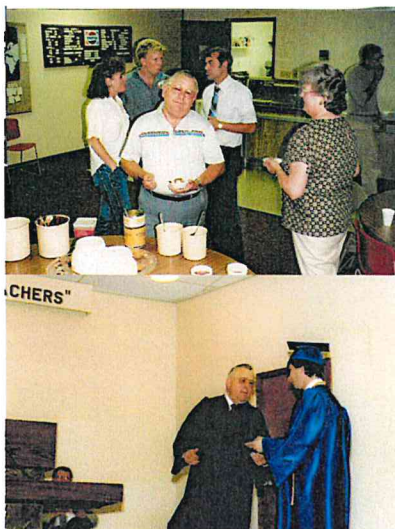
through God's eyes? Isn't there something healing when we forgive others and open our eyes to the positive aspects of another's life?

The same principle applies to the way we view those with whom we disagree on matters of biblical interpretation and church practice. We have seen a rise in church leaders spending way too much time focusing on the differences between us rather than what should keep us together. We use terms to describe each other that promote division rather than unity. We use words like "we and them" rather than see we are all a part of God's family. We focus on the minor differences (not doctrinal) than trying to "keep the unity in the bond of peace". We seem to enjoy disparaging the reputation of other churches or institutions rather than see that we all fall short of the glory of God. Perhaps we need to reread Paul's words in Phil. 4:8 – "Finally, BROTHERS....". An individual's or an institution's legacy should not be determined by a moment's wrongdoing or an area of disagreement--it should be based on a lifetime of faithfulness and service. In the end, I want to be remembered for my best, not my worst. How about you?

Seventh President of GLCC Dies - Philip H. Schlaegel



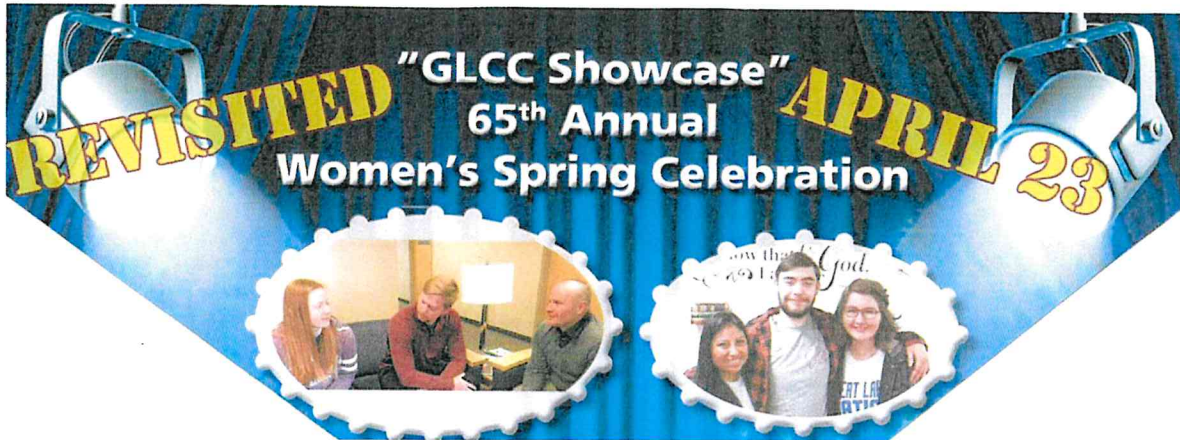
Philip H. Schlaegel
1930-2021



We celebrate the life of the 7th President of GLCC, Phil Schlaegel, who died on March 15 at the age of 90. Phil served Great Lakes Christian College from 1987-1991. He retired from a career with The Standard Oil Company before becoming President. He served on the Board of Trustees at Great Lakes and was appointed Interim President July 1, 1987 and then appointed President on January 1, 1988. Phil and Nancy lived in Columbus, OH and were actively involved in the Worthington Christian Church. Phil was gifted in the area of finance and was used by God during a very difficult time for the College. His tenure was respected by all as he invested much time, talent, and treasure to the cause of Christ through Great Lakes Christian College. He was interested in the training of more preachers and was quoted in saying, "My pledge is to continue that service by preparing men and women for effective service to Christ."

"For 15 years he traveled from Columbus to Lansing to serve as a leader because he saw God's work as bigger than his neighborhood or region. As a result, his vision, his service, helped our college to survive those tough years and now, 30 years later, we are ready to thrive again. His influence, his leadership, and his legacy is still felt throughout the Great Lakes states. His service lives on in the lives of current and future students who will go on to be servant leaders in the church and world. We were blessed by Phil Schlaegel and we continue to be blessed by his memory. God used this man to make an eternal difference in the ministry of GLCC." - President Carter's tribute at the funeral service.

*The funeral was Friday, March 19, at the
Worthington Christian Church in Columbus, OH.*



We invite you to join us for this special evening of fellowship and praise. No food will be served this year, but there will be a program presented by the GLCC Music Department including our Bell Choir and Musical Ensemble. We will showcase students and staff and the good things God is doing through GLCC.


We will also be encouraging attendees to consider a special offering that will benefit our students. This year's goal is \$3000 and will be used to buy new carpet and furniture for the women's lobby in Matthews Hall.


Women's Spring Celebration carpet project

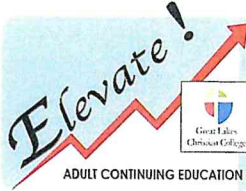
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