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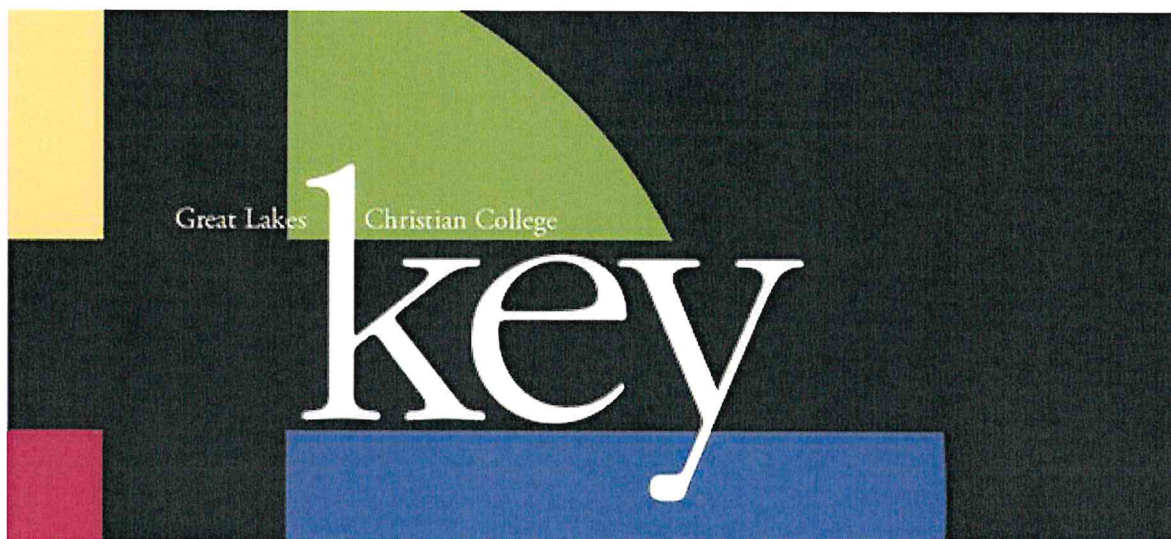
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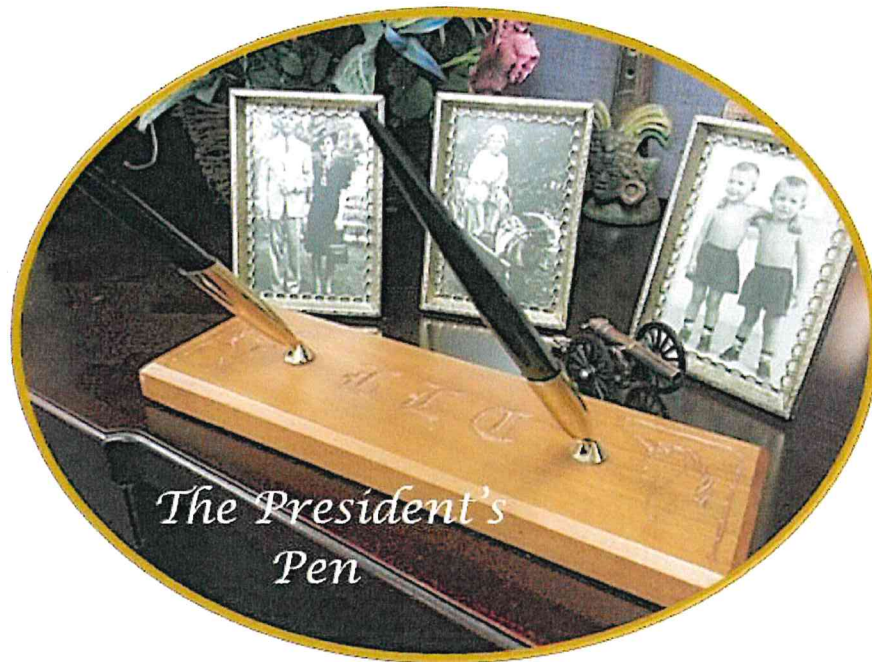
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"Changing the Course of History"

President Larry Carter

It is said that in October of 1917 the Russian Orthodox Church met in St. Petersburg for their annual convention. The topic of discussion that almost brought division in their ranks was about the proper length of their priest's cowls. The heated debate hinged on a matter of inches. Sides were taken. Arguments, based on tradition and interpretation, were formulated. Fingers were pointed. Reputations were questioned. And while this "important" ecclesiastical matter was being addressed, Lenin and his Bolsheviks began Russian Revolution right down the street.

Right down our street another revolution is going on. A revolt against the church and the God we worship. In a recent poll, taken in 2020, only 47% of Americans say they belong to any church, synagogue, or mosque. While the poll includes other religions, the numbers are still alarming for the church. By the way, that 47% is down from a 70% revealed in a 1999 poll. The same 2020 poll also stated that only 48% of Americans believe that religion is very important. There could be number of reasons for the decrease. But there is one reason that is indicated in Scripture. Jesus, in his John 17 prayer, prays, "My prayer is... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." And He goes on to pray, "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Could it be that we have allowed other issues to take precedence over a concern for the thing that mattered the most to Jesus? Could it be that long-held traditions and interpretations about matters like ecclesiology and women's role

in the church have endangered the unity that Jesus so desired? Could it be that while some are preoccupied by politics and whose side someone is on, we have obscured the true message of Christ? We may shake our heads at the spiritual blindness of those Russian Orthodox priests but are we much better? While we argue about such matters, division occurs, and the world is given one more reason to not believe in Jesus.

A revolution is going on in our country. Now, more than ever as believers, we need to unite. We need to be the answer to Jesus' prayer. We need the world to see our oneness and believe. At Great Lakes Christian College, we are training our students to help change the course of history. Our prayer is that in another 20 years a subsequent poll will indicate a move back to God and the church. But, if we don't make it a priority to be united in Christ, to do all we can to make His prayer a reality, and continue to divide over secondary issues, that will make that goal very difficult to achieve.

Daren Penwell receives the Doty Divine Servant Award



President Carter, Daren Penwell, Lisa Penwell

Daren Penwell received the Divine Servant Award at the May 15, 2021 Commencement Ceremony. He was also the Commencement speaker.

Daren is the son of GLCC alums, Dan and Gloria Penwell. His brother, Derek, also attended here. Daren grew up around ministry with his father being a preacher and then serving in Christian publishing for 30 years. His grandparents, Ted and Wanda Murray, were missionaries in Mexico. So he saw first-hand what it meant to capably serve the Lord as a teacher and leader.

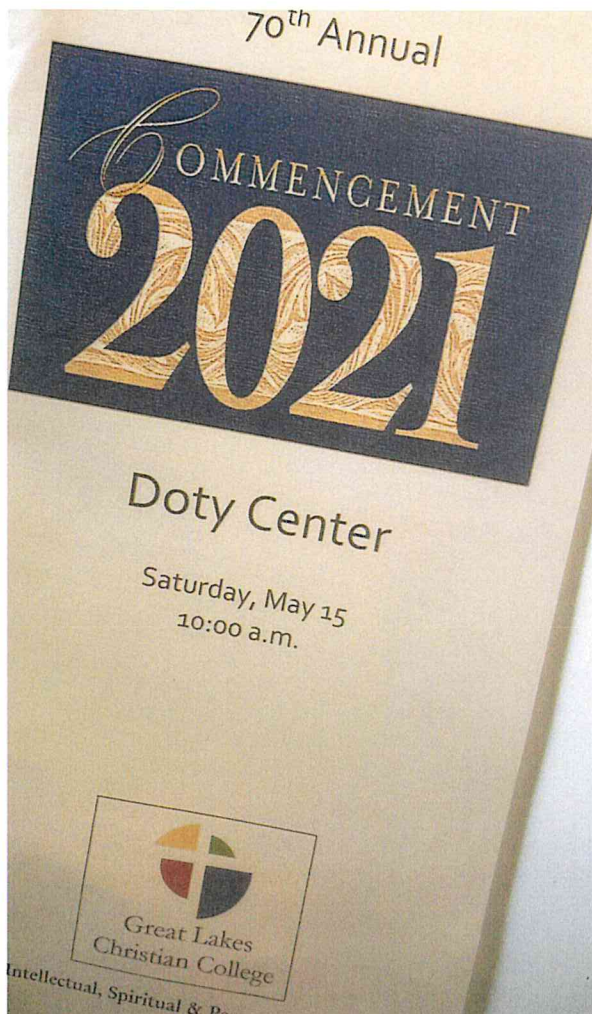


Daren met his wife, Lisa, at GLCC during his Junior year and they married his Senior year. They have been an incredible duo for the Lord ever since! Graduating from GLCC in 1989 with a degree in Biblical Languages he then went on to Lincoln Christian Seminary eventually graduating in 1995 with an M.Div. in pastoral care and counseling. While in college and seminary, Daren served at several churches on weekends in Jenison, MI, Wilmington, IL, and McLean, IL. He went on to a full-time ministry with the Armington Christian Church in Armington, IL from 1992-1997.



In December of 1997 Daren and Lisa, with their two girls, Brittany and Madison, moved to Bailey, MI to begin 24 years of ministry as Lead Pastor and Lisa as the Children's Minister.

Daren has served on the boards of NCCE, Mexican Mountain Mission, and Renewed Hope India. His desire to see God's work done around the world is not only seen by being on mission boards but by personally, actively, giving, serving and sharing his life with missionaries around the world. Daren is currently working on his Doctorate of Ministry in Theology at Liberty University. Congratulations Daren!



Our 2021 Graduating Class

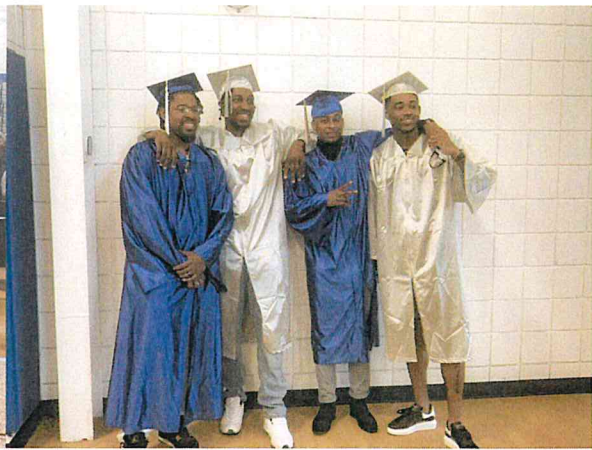
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE*

Christian Baker - Cross-Cultural Ministry
 Carlos Berroa - Christian Leadership & Communication (Online)
 Christian Bush - Adv. Biblical Studies
 Mary Foerster - History
 Dontre' Garrett - Psychology/Counseling
 Daniel Gray - Cross-Cultural Ministry
 Britten Harrison - Psychology/Counseling
 Elijah Kess - Business Management
 Jessica McFarland - Psychology/Counseling
 Carmelina Morin - Cross-Cultural Ministry
 Cameron Nottage - Pastoral Ministry
 Emily Parsons - Psychology/Counseling & Family Life Education
 Giuseppina Sposito - Pastoral Ministry
 Steve Stanearth - Christian Leadership and Communication. (Online)

*All Bachelor of Science graduates also receive a Bible/Theology major.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

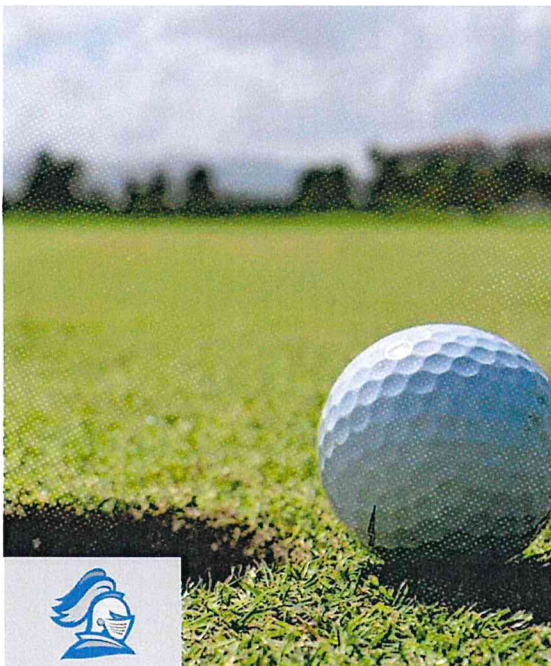
Daniel Butler (Online)
 Jahmal Eggleston
 Lindsay Phelps (Online)
 Isiah Reed
 Edward Warsinsky (Online)
 Victoria Wilson (Online)



The Alumni Association invited back to campus the graduates of 1970 and 1971 to celebrate 50 years.

Larry Vollink (left) represented the class of 1970 and Tom Haynie (right) represented the class of 1971.

Larry and Tom and their wives attended the Commencement Ceremony and participated in a luncheon following with friends, family, staff, and faculty.



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TRAVELING WITH OUR CAMP TEAM THIS SUMMER

Camp teams are back to traveling this summer. We anticipate many opportunities to communicate about the mission of GLCC and to build relationship with students looking for a good college education.

Our camp team includes Alissa Nugent, Breanna Vert, Ezekiel Furst, Micaiah Allen, Reese Smith. Their schedule includes working at the following camps this summer: Lake James Christian Assembly, Angola, IN., Camp Christian, Mill Run, PA., The Ark Christian Ministries, Converse, IN., Bay Shore Camp, Sebawaing, MI., Michiana Christian Camp, Niles, MI., Wolverine Christian Service Camp, Columbiaville, MI.

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