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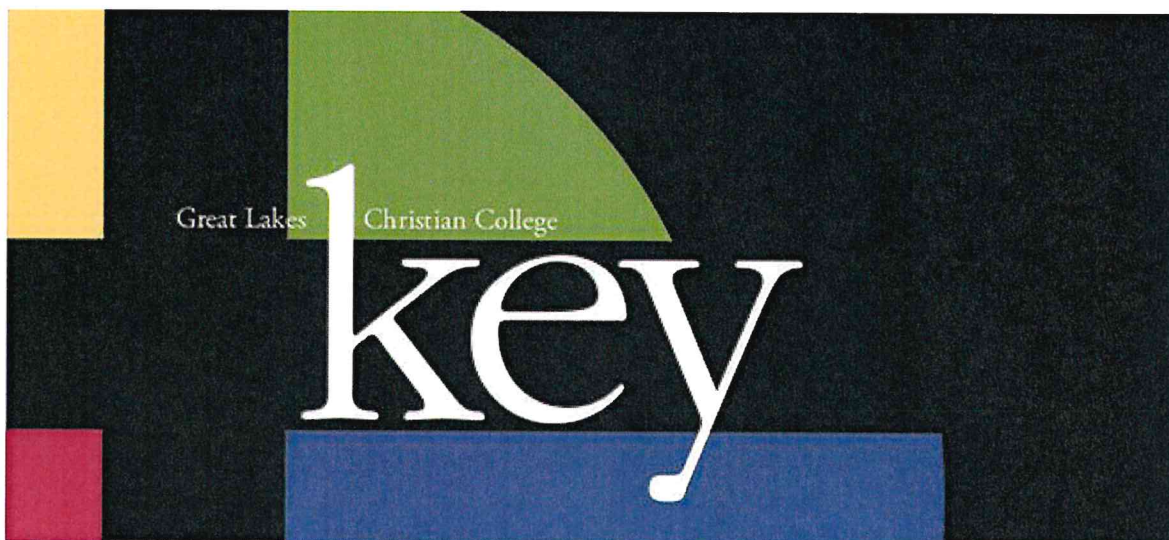
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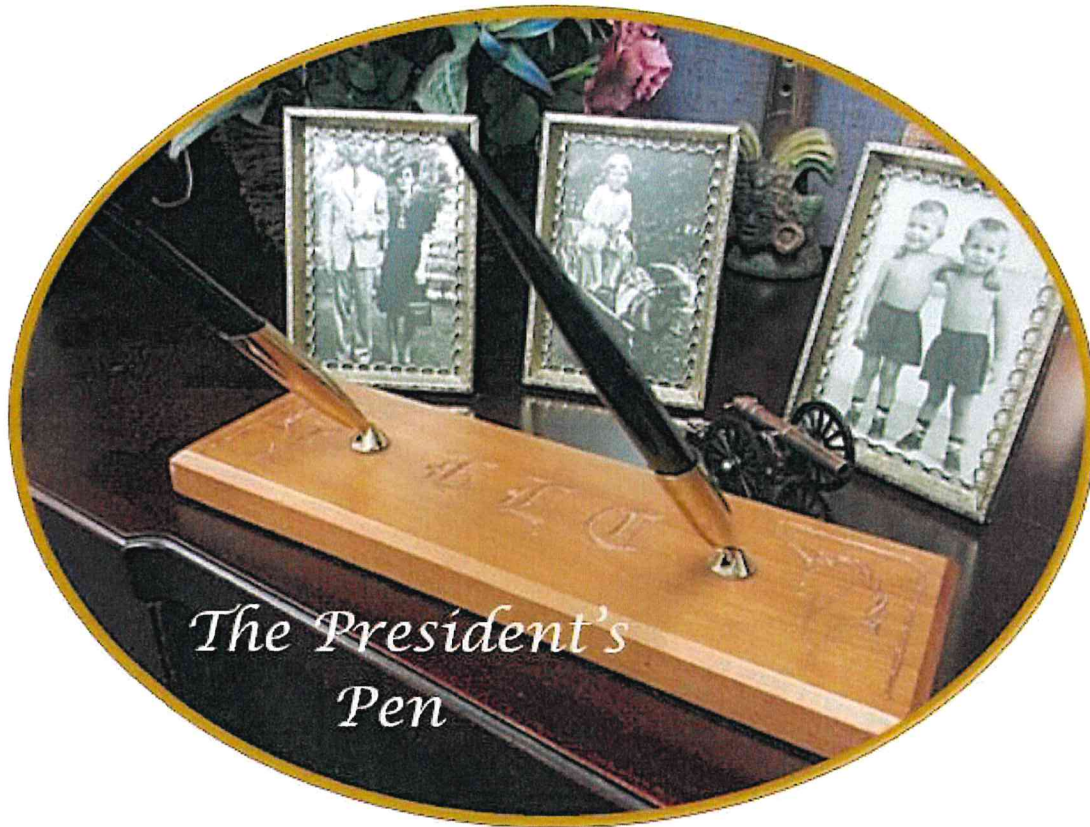
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***"Wanting What God Wants for the Church"***

Larry Carter, President

Shadi Hamid, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, has recently written an article on the growing influence of politics in America. He writes, "If Christianity has become less attractive to Americans, then they will find other outlets to direct their passions – the most popular of which seems to be politics. But by turning politics into a place to discover ultimate purpose and communion, we have ironically made political power not something to be feared, but rather the worthiest of ends to be pursued with religious zeal." He goes on to say, "Now that Americans no longer have common religious touchstones or shared understanding of God and family...it makes sense that they would fight their battles over transcendent meaning in the last remaining space where everyone speaks the same language: politics and power." The conclusion of this kind of thinking results in the fact that, "Identity and belief come not from a loving God but from knowing who or what to hate."

While his observations ring true in describing how Americans relate to one another – they, regrettably, describe what is currently happening in our churches. Being an amateur historian, one becomes very much aware that Americans have always been passionate about politics. Our secular history began in a revolution and progressed to a civil war. We've killed each other over politics. Study almost any presidential campaign throughout our history and you will see the worst of behavior from supposedly the best of people. But what has been true of our nation's history is becoming more prevalent in the church. Politics seems to be usurping what Scriptures teach and what God wants. We



have become more passionate about our political stances and affiliations than simply being a brother or sister in Christ.

In the church we have always had squabbles and quarrels over various interpretations of Scriptural passages. Whether it is about eschatology, Calvinism, women's role, spiritual gifts, church structure, or whether you call the minister a pastor, parson, priest, prelate, or pea picker – our disagreements have been in the context of our individual spiritual understanding. Yet, even in disagreement we still have remained united, in large part, with the understanding of who we are as the church. But that seems to be changing. More and more we are hearing about churches dividing over what political party they support. Long-time members are leaving their congregations because of a perceived drift to the left or to the right. This should not be. Instead, let's use Acts 10 as a guide.

Acts 10 tells about a man named Cornelius. Even though he was a godly man he was a centurion in the Roman army. He commanded an elite unit of 100 men whose purpose was to enforce Roman rule over the empire, which included all of Judea and Galilee. He was also a Gentile. Yet, God told Peter that he had to accept Cornelius as a brother in the Lord. He had to fellowship with him regardless of the fact that he was an active participant in an oppressive regime that tyrannized God's people and that Cornelius wasn't even one of THEM, a Jew. He was asking Peter to value the uniting power of Jesus' shed blood over any difference he might have with this "brother". Any religious or political difference paled in comparison to what Jesus did on the cross. God's message to Peter is still relevant today. Because of Jesus, any political difference we have should not divide us. We should not look at each other as Republicans or Democrats, but as brothers and sisters standing together under the shadow of the cross. Yes, we can be passionate about politics – but never more than our passion to be what God wants us to be – united in Him. If stubborn, hardheaded Peter could accept Cornelius as a brother in the Lord and fellowship together in love, why can't we do the same?

We try to teach the same here at Great Lakes Christian College. We acknowledge God's authority over our own. He wants us to be one. So, while we discuss our differences in Biblical interpretation and political values, we do so with the understanding and attitude that what God wants we want. We are passionate about a lot of things – but our passion for God and His will is more important than anything. Our prayer is that our churches would do the same.

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*"I enjoyed  
working with  
Ryan because he  
was a wonderful  
example of  
servant  
leadership. The  
way he and his  
family lived life on*

*campus and participated in students' lives has touched so many people."*

- Britten Harrison,  
Women's Resident  
Supervisor



### **Ryan Bushnell resigns as Dean of Students and Resident Supervisor**

We appreciate Ryan's nine years of service to Great Lakes Christian College. He has provided instruction, encouragement, guidance, and example to our student body. Ryan loved our students and they loved him. Ryan's last day was September 28, 2021. God bless you Ryan!

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### ***Presidential Search Update***

We are pleased to report that we have reached the phase of our search where we will be scheduling interviews. God has provided us with wonderful candidates to work with and we continue to seek His calling for this position and to ask for your prayers.

Yours in Christ  
Duke Gray  
Chair of the Search Committee

The Committee posts updates on the [website](#).

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Friday, December 10  
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