

2022-2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Great Lakes
Christian College

Intellectual, Spiritual & Personal Growth



“

...preparing students to be servant leaders in the church and world.

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A Letter from the President

“Great Lakes Christian College, an institution of higher education supported by Independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, exists to glorify God by preparing students to be servant leaders in the church and world.” That mission is more important than at any time in our existence.

Three of every five Restoration Movement preachers will retire in the next twenty years. Our College will help fill those empty pulpits. More than half of Americans no longer attend church. We are working to train marketplace ministers to take the church to them.

This report details the trials and triumphs of the 2022-2023 school year. Concerned about our finances, our accreditors placed the College on probation. Yet we overcame a projected \$599,000 deficit to finish the year with a surplus.

We added our Compassionate Care Program. Our graduates included youth and children’s ministers, preachers, and graduates in business, sports management, and early childhood education.

This report details our progress. But we still have a way to go. We need \$250,000 more in giving this year than last year. We need to increase enrollment. To do that we need your prayers, financial support, and your students.

Our vision is to become the premier Restoration Movement Christian college east of the Mississippi River for students to be trained for ministry. With God’s help, and yours, it will happen.

Blessings,



Dr. Frank E. Weller
President



TRAINING

SERVANT LEADERS

Michael Wetzel Class of 2023

My name is Michael Wetzel, and I grew up in the Lansing area. I had a lot of exposure to GLCC when I was young. I knew it was a reputable school with people who genuinely cared and loved Jesus. When I had a last-minute realization about God's calling for my life, GLCC was the obvious choice.

While attending GLCC, I had the amazing opportunity to work for 2|42 Community Church in Brighton, MI as one of the student high school pastors. I graduated in May 2023 and received my bachelor's degree with a major in Youth Ministry. Currently, I continue to work as a student pastor at 2|42. The practical ministry training as well as the theological instruction at GLCC was instrumental in making me feel effective while being a servant-leader in the church!



Jessica Prieto Class of 2023

My name is Jessica Prieto, and I grew up in Alma, Michigan. My GLCC story is a little weird, as I started in 2017, but I ended up transferring out twice during my time at GLCC. However, God led me back each time, and I am so thankful that He did. I received my bachelor's degree this May with a major in Advanced Biblical Studies.

I loved learning under the professors at Great Lakes. They are some of the most amazing, genuine, and passionate people I know. Their enthusiasm for the Bible is something that I will always remember, and it is an enthusiasm that was contagious for me.

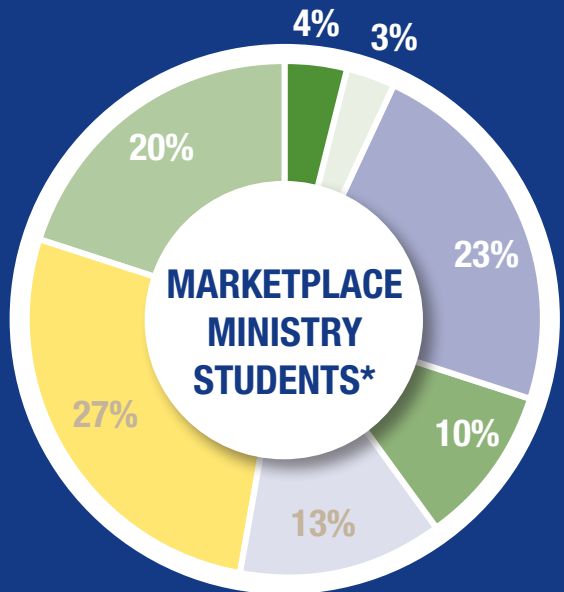
I am currently the children's minister at Duplain Church of Christ in St. Johns, where I have been for just over two years now. I am starting an online Master of Divinity this fall through Emmanuel Christian Seminary, and I am excited to see what doors God opens for me through that program!

“IN THE CHURCH AND WORLD”



Advanced Biblical Studies	10%
Music	14%
Pastoral Ministry	21%
Youth Ministry	24%
Children's Ministry	10%
Undefined Ministry	7%
Family Life Education	14%

Early Childhood Education	4%
History	3%
Business Management	23%
Interpersonal Organizational Communication	10%
Sports Management	13%
Psychology	27%
Undecided	20%



*Based on 2022–2023 On-Ground Student Population

THROUGH TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS...

Looking back ...

When the 2022-2023 school year began, the outlook for the College was bleak. With a nearly \$600,000 projected deficit, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) placed the College on accreditation probation. President Weller and his team worked to curb costs and increase student revenue. Dozens of churches and more than 100 individuals pulled together with financial and prayer support. The result: the College ended the year with its first budget surplus in six years.



HIGHLIGHTS ON THE

- Concerned about GLCC's finances, the Higher Learning Commission places the College on two-year probation.
- President Weller and the Cabinet develop and begin implementing a plan to address HLC concerns.
- President Weller and Vice President Beavers travel thousands of miles visiting alumni, churches, and supporters.
- The College receives support from major donors, dozens of churches, and 100-plus individuals (for more details see page 7).
- The Academic Division adds new Compassionate Care program to provide a path to health care occupations.

GOD IS GOOD!

Looking ahead ...

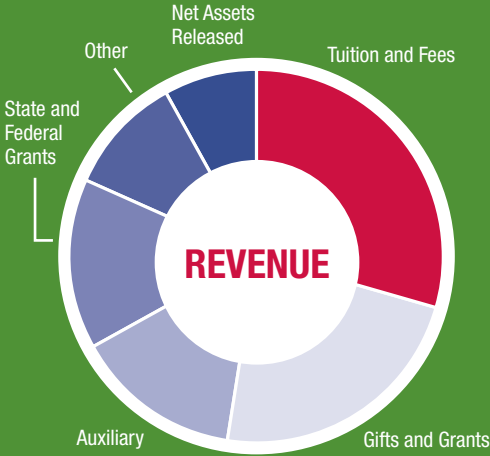
The College still faces considerable challenges in the 2023-2024 school year. We must continue to improve our financial stability. We will do so by growing enrollment to 185 students and by increasing giving by \$250,000 over last year. Achieving that will help the College remedy our probationary status with HLC. We made great progress last year, but there is much more work to be done. Through it all, we are confident that God is leading the way.



PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY

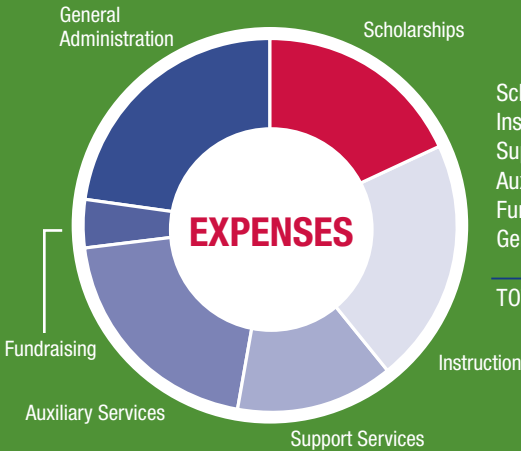
- The Academic Division hires new faculty to bolster the Christian Ministry and Humanities programs.
- The College joins the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).
- The Board of Trustees participates in the ABHE Board of Governance Excellence program.
- Led by our Dean of Students, the College baptizes two students Spring semester.
- The Trustees, Administration, Faculty, and staff begin work on a new three-year Strategic Plan.
- Women's Soccer team crowned runner-up in the National Tournament.
- Men's basketball team crowned NCCAA Midwest Regional Champions for the first time in school history.
- Sam Sibilski is named Director of Athletics.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FY23



Tuition and Fees	\$1,552,885	29.52%
Gifts and Grants	\$1,213,527	23.07%
Auxiliary	\$755,403	14.36%
State and Federal Grants	\$781,809	14.86%
Other	\$539,253	10.25%
Net Assets Released	\$416,782	7.92%

TOTAL	\$5,259,659	100%
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Scholarships	\$885,636	18.11%
Instruction	\$1,031,258	21.09%
Support Services	\$666,450	13.63%
Auxiliary Services	\$991,571	20.28%
Fundraising	\$202,062	4.13%
General Administration	\$1,112,159	22.75%

TOTAL	\$4,889,136	100%
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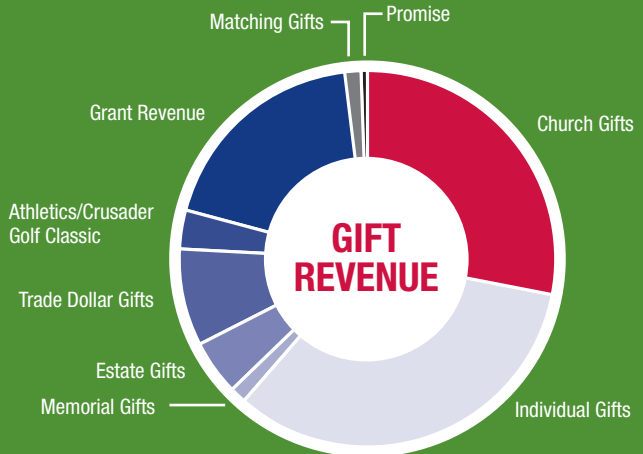
Significant Gifts

- Southeast Christian Church gifts the College \$15,000.
- The Solomon Foundation grants the College \$100,000.
- The Gary Granger family gifts the College \$200,000.
- Jamie Osborn gifts the College \$100,000.
- The Log Cabin Society welcomes 100 new supporting members generating \$110,000 per year.
- Forty Churches take up special offerings.

GIVE TO **GLCC** TODAY



Church Gifts	\$340,502	28.06%
Individual Gifts	\$406,573	33.5%
Memorial Gifts	\$15,588	1.28%
Estate Gifts	\$58,284	4.80%
Trade Dollar Gifts	\$100,250	8.26%
Athletics/Crusader Golf Classic	\$42,346	3.49%
Grant Revenue	\$229,378	18.9%
Matching Gifts	\$20,324	1.67%
Promise	\$282	0.02%
TOTAL	\$1,213,527*	100%



*An increase of 140% over FY22

CHURCH SUPPORT

We thank the following churches for their generous support to underwrite our mission for 2022–2023.

MICHIGAN

Algonac Church of Christ, Algonac
Ashland Center Church of Christ, Grant
Bailey Christian Church, Bailey
Bangor Church of Christ, Bangor
Barryton Church of Christ, Barryton
Benzie Area Church of Christ, Frankfort
Buchanan Christian Church, Buchanan
Calvary Christian Church, Swartz Creek
Central Christian Church, Battle Creek
Church of Christ in Mason County, Scottville
Coe Church Missionary Fund, Saint Louis
Coe Church of Christ, Saint Louis
Coe Church of Christ Sunday School, Saint Louis
Coe Missions for Christ, Saint Louis
Community Christian Church, Saint Johns
Comstock Church of Christ, Kalamazoo
Cornerstone Christian Church, Jackson
Country Christian Church, North Branch
Countryside Christian Church, Avoca
Delta Community Christian Church, Lansing
DeWitt Christian Church, DeWitt
Duplain Church of Christ, Saint Johns
East Arbela Church of Christ, Millington
Eureka Christian Church, Maple Rapids
Fairland Christian Church, Niles
Farwell Church of Christ Women's Fellowship, Farwell
Farwell Church of Christ, Farwell
First Church of Christ, Sault Ste Marie
First Church of Christ, Mount Pleasant
First Church of Christ, Owosso
Forest Hill Church of Christ, Alma
Grand Rapids Christian Church, Grand Rapids
Hillside Discipleship Church, Lapeer
Holt Christian Church, Lansing
Hope Christian Ministries, Intl (HCMI), Lansing
Jenison Christian Church, Hudsonville
Kalkaska Church of Christ, Kalkaska
Kentwood Christian Church, Grand Rapids
Kenwood Church of Christ, Livonia
Macomb Christian Church, Shelby Township
McBride Church of Christ, McBride
Meadowbrook Christian Church, Rochester Hills
Northview Christian Church, Coldwater
Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City
Oakland Drive Christian Church, Portage
Outreach Christian Church, Lake Odessa
Owosso Church of Christ, Owosso
Pine Run Church of Christ, Clio
Pleasant View Church of Christ, Cassopolis
Rapid City Church of Christ, Rapid City
South Lansing Christian Church, Lansing
St Louis Church of Christ, Saint Louis
Sturgis Church of Christ, Sturgis
University Christian Church, East Lansing
West Lansing Church of Christ, Lansing
Westlawn Church of Christ, Shepherd
Woodview Christian Church, Wyoming

ILLINOIS

First Christian Church Missionary Society, Eldorado

INDIANA

Auburn Church of Christ, Auburn
Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Wabash
Cedar Creek Church of Christ, Leo
Christ's Church at Butler, Butler
Christ's Church at Georgetown, Fort Wayne
Christ's Hope Ministries & Church, Fort Wayne
Coburn Corner Church of Christ, Saint Joe
Corunna Church of Christ, Corunna
Crossroads Christian Church, West Lafayette
Etna Green Church of Christ, Etna Green
First Christian Church, Warsaw
First Church of Christ, Bluffton
First Church of Christ, Garrett
Greenwood Christian Church, Greenwood
Harlan Church of Christ, Harlan
Harvest Christian Fellowship, Muncie
Jerome Christian Church, Greentown
Markle Church of Christ, Markle
Newville Church of Christ, Butler
Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola
Stroh Church of Christ, Stroh
Victory Class Christ's Hope Church, Ft. Wayne

IOWA

Clinton Church of Christ, Clinton

KENTUCKY

Southeast Christian Church, Louisville

NEW YORK

Anchor Christian Church, Rochester
First Church of Christ, Maspeth

OHIO

Boulevard Christian Church, Sylvania
Christ's Community Church, Bloomdale
Church of Christ at West Unity, West Unity
Columbia Church of Christ, Edon
Defiance Christian Church, Defiance
Delta Church of Christ, Delta
Edon Church of Christ, Edon
First Church of Christ, Hicksville
First Church of Christ, Napoleon
Garden Park Christian Church, Toledo
Greenwood Christian Church, Canton
Lockland Christian Church, Cincinnati
London Church of Christ, London
Marlboro Christian Church, Alliance
Marysville Christian Church, Marysville
McComb Church of Christ, McComb
McGuffey Church of Christ, McGuffey
Nashville Church of Christ, Big Prairie
Neapolis Church of Christ, Neapolis
North Terrace Church of Christ, Zanesville
Ontario Christian Church, Ontario
Perryton Church of Christ, Frazeesburg
Wayne Church of Christ, Wayne
Weston Church of Christ, Weston
Worthington Christian Church, Columbus

WEST VIRGINIA

First Christian Church, Chester

Owosso Church of Christ



“Life has often painfully taught us that, once we are somehow without something or someone, only then do we fully appreciate the thing, experience, or person.

Our lead minister graduated from one of the few now-defunct sister Restoration colleges. So, to hear that Great Lakes Christian College is the only Restoration college east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River, it became a quick and natural response for our church family to take a step of faith in our giving to GLCC by becoming a member of the Log Cabin Society.

If our churches are to hire and have top quality preachers, musical minds, teachers, etc., these servants need to be trained well at institutions like GLCC. If these servants, then, are to help the Church possess longevity and fruitfulness as guiding forces amidst a quite troubled and dying culture, our church personally is to do our part to give these students the opportunities – in the classroom, in residencies, in prayers, in financial support.”

--Owosso Church of Christ, Owosso, Michigan



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