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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

You are part of an amazing story, a genuine move of God. I know that because you are reading this brochure. This is your story, and my story, and God's story. It is the story of how He is using us to empower Great Lakes Christian College to prepare students to be servant leaders in the church and world.

Colleges in America are closing at a rate of one per week. Enrollment is down across our region. Not at GLCC. We are beating national and regional trends as people discover GLCC's exceptional education, and donors like you help keep it affordable.

Fiscal Year 2024 was a good year. Enrollment and giving increased. Students experienced success academically and athletically. Twenty-six received bachelor's degrees. Some went to work in churches, and some entered marketplace ministries. Others went to seminary or graduate school for additional training.

The next class of students arrived in August and began the new school year. Returning students noticed and appreciated the changes made to the campus this summer. New students charted new courses in their faith journeys. All that is possible because God is good and people like you are generous.

Thank you, friend. We could not do it without you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Frank E Weller, President

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TRAINING SERVANT LEADERS

Ezekiel Furst - Class of 2024

My name is Ezekiel Furst, and I grew up in Buchanan, Michigan. My GLCC story started in the summer of 2018 when I met some GLCC camp team members at my home camp. I began my college career in the fall of 2020. When I first started, I did not yet know the journey God was calling me to or what degree I wanted to pursue. I just knew where God wanted me to go, and I followed.

I began at GLCC expecting to graduate with a double major in History and Bible Theology. But, while I was attending, God called me into vocational ministry. I completed my internship at South Lansing Christian Church. From there, I joined the West Lansing Church of Christ staff where I am the youth pastor.

My time at GLCC connected me to many different people. I formed connections with people on the soccer team, through different volunteer opportunities, by living in close community with my fellow students and our professors, and in many more ways. Thanks to the community of GLCC, college was a blast, and I now have lifelong community connections.



...in the Church

Yzabella Lab - Class of 2024

My name is Yzabella Lab, and I am a second-generation Great Lakes Christian College graduate. My father, Fred Lab, graduated from GLCC, served as a youth minister, and now serves as a lead pastor in Lake Odessa, Michigan. GLCC is a lifelong community, and because of my father's connection to the College, I grew up around GLCC. I was inspired by the lasting impact GLCC had on my father's life, and I wanted to live the GLCC life for myself.

During my sophomore year in high school, I started my journey at GLCC by dual enrolling for courses. The opportunity allowed me to shave off a year of my time at college, and I would recommend this option to any high school student looking to gain some college experience.

After high school graduation, I attended GLCC full time. I connected with amazing people who walked alongside me in my journey. Together we learned the true meaning of community in the church. I was academically challenged by my professors who stretched my mind and encouraged me to grow.

The GLCC community prepared me for the next step of my academic journey. GLCC was a stepping-stone. Now that I earned my bachelor's degree in Bible Theology and Psychology, I will be attending Cooley Law School this fall.



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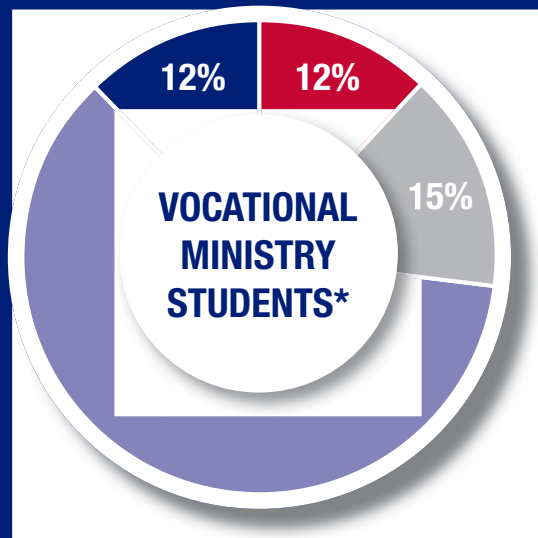
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HIGHLIGHTING CORNERSTONE EVENTS

College life is filled with memorable events that shape our experiences and create lasting memories. Each academic year, GLCC highlights three cornerstone events: Convocation, Honors Chapel, and Commencement. These events create a sense of community and belonging for students, staff, and faculty.

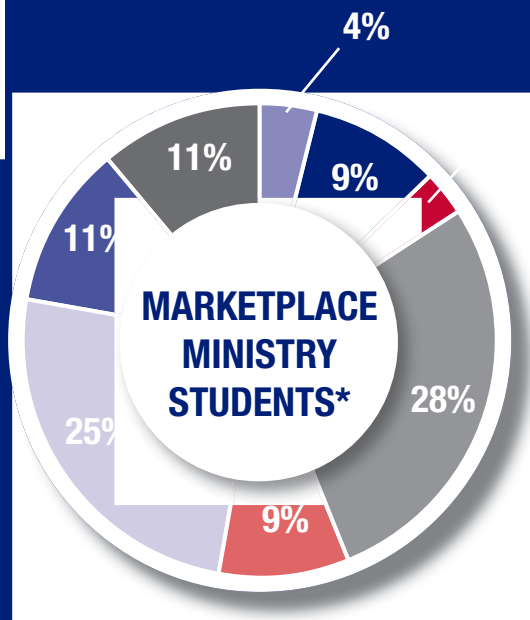
Convocation marks the official beginning of the academic year and welcomes new and returning students to the academic community. This event challenges the campus community to pursue knowledge and community engagement. Honors Chapel recognizes students' academic achievements and contributions. It also inspires and motivates students to continue pursuing knowledge and personal growth. Finally, Commencement is the celebration of graduating students, marking their transition from students to alumni. All three cornerstone events help frame the college experience by promoting unity to the GLCC community.





Advanced Biblical Studies	12%
Music	12%
Ministry	61%
Family Life Education	15%

Compassionate Care	4%
Early Childhood Education	9%
History	3%
Business Management	28%
Interpersonal Organizational Communication	9%
Psychology	25%
Sports Management	11%
Undecided	11%



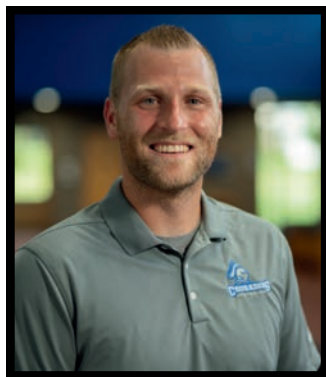
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ACCRUING ACADEMIC LEADERS

During FY24, the Academic Division hired four new professors to deepen and strengthen our team.



Mr. Todd Jones, Professor of Christian Ministry

Todd Jones ministered in Christian Churches for over 10 years before joining the GLCC faculty. Todd and his wife Valerie are Michigan natives who love good food and volleyball. Their 3-year-old son Oliver is a handful and they enjoy traveling whenever possible. Todd is a GLCC alumnus from 2011. He earned his master's degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2013 and is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry program at Emmanuel Christian Seminary. His doctoral research focuses on a prayer practice that he calls emotional prayer.

Dr. Doug Walker, Professor of History and Humanities

Dr. Doug Walker, Jr. holds a B.A. in history from Trinity International University and a Ph.D in political science from Michigan State University. Prior to joining Great Lakes, he worked for the Claremont Institute and taught political science at Samford University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He grew up in Alabama but now lives in Lansing with his wife and three children. In his free time, Doug likes to play and design strategy board games, read books on history and philosophy, and play pickup basketball.



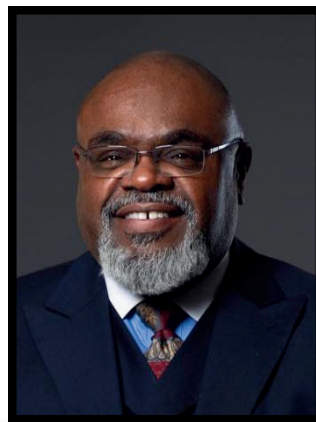


Dr. Charlie Starr, Professor of English and Humanities

Dr. Charlie Starr teaches, writes and lectures on the works of C. S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Western classics. Dr. Starr has published over thirty never-before seen C. S. Lewis manuscripts including a lost sequel to *The Screwtape Letters* and has been hailed as the world's leading expert on C. S. Lewis's handwriting. Dr. Starr wrote a monthly article on Christianity, film and culture for the Restoration Movement magazine, *The Lookout*, over a ten year period in the 2000s. He has written essays in a variety of venues on a variety of topics including popular culture, education, film, art and theology. Charlie has also published twelve books (fiction, non-fiction) including studies on Lewis, Bible devotionals, poetry, and science fiction and fantasy.

Dr. Jeffery Lang, Professor of Interpersonal & Organizational Communication

Dr. Jeffery Lang is the pastor of Friendship House of Prayer Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan,. He previously served 29 years as the pastor of the Southside Baptist Church in Jackson, Michigan, and as Youth Pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Lansing. Pastor Lang has been an educator for over 30 years, working for MSU, Jackson Community College, and Lansing Community College. He holds a B.A. from Olivet College, an M.A. from Michigan State University, an M.Min. from Bethel University, and a D.Min. from United Theological Seminary. He is married to Sonya Ren'a and is father to Joy and Jeffery. Dr. Lang enjoys science fiction movies, reading, and spending time with his grandchildren.



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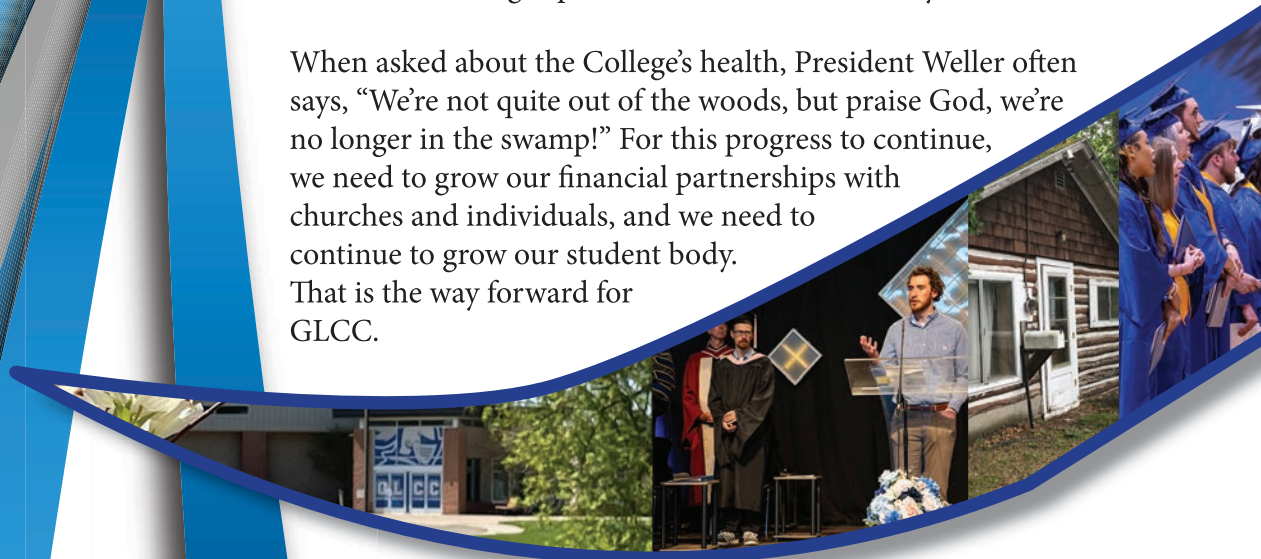
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A NEW TRAJECTORY

A challenge for every college is putting together consecutive years of growth. It takes more than one year of growth to create a trend. This year marks the first time in more than a decade that Great Lakes Christian College experienced back-to-back years of growth! Both in enrollment and giving, 2024 saw increases. Enrollment increased by 7% and giving to the College increased by 6%. As a result the College expects the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees to remove the College's probation sanction when they meet in October.

When asked about the College's health, President Weller often says, "We're not quite out of the woods, but praise God, we're no longer in the swamp!" For this progress to continue, we need to grow our financial partnerships with churches and individuals, and we need to continue to grow our student body. That is the way forward for GLCC.



2024 Milestones

- Creation and adoption of 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.
- Growth in major gifts from \$400K to more than \$650K.
- Bryan Tarrant is named Vice President of Finance and Operations.
- GLCC Board of Trustees receives the Association for Biblical Higher Education Board Governance Excellence Award.
- College hosts a successful Higher Learning Commission Peer Review Team visit and attends HLC Institutional Actions Council, setting the stage for the removal of probation.
- Three successful fundraising banquets – Legacy Scholarship Banquet, Women's Spring Celebration, and Blue and White Night – raise nearly \$200,000 to Directly benefit GLCC students with scholarships and campus improvements.
- Three ministry training institutes formalize agreements with the College so their students can pursue accredited degrees with GLCC.

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DEVELOPING STUDENT ATHLETES

Great Lakes Christian College Athletics exists to honor God by developing men and women of integrity, humility, and discipline through our unified pursuit of athletic excellence. Students who participate in athletics are willing to stand for Christ, prepared to serve with humility, groomed to lead with dignity, eager to pursue knowledge, and ready to handle adversity.

We are extremely excited about the direction of our athletic department and the progress our student athletes have made. We see our athletes in the classroom, on the field, and in the community becoming leaders and disciples. This is a testament to our community at GLCC, and also the effects our coaches have on their athletes. Our athletes have continued their discipleship in their service days, camps, and in their communities. We are tremendously pleased our student athletes are getting it done on and off the field.

Women's Soccer and Women's Basketball both won Regional Titles during FY24.





Men's Basketball

Record of 17–11.
Nationally ranked in the Top 10.
Regional Tournament Finalists.
Three All Region and one All American players.

Men's Soccer

Record of 6–8–2.
Nine All Region players and one All American player, a program first.

Women's Soccer

Record of 8–6–2.
Third Consecutive Regional Championship and National Tournament appearance.
Four All Region and three All American players.
Regional Player of the Year and Regional Coach of the Year.
Two players named to National Tournament team.

Women's Basketball

Record of 16–12, most wins in program history.
First Regional Championship and National Tournament appearance.
Four All Region players and one All American player, a program first.
Regional Player of the Year and Regional Coaching Staff of the Year.

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UPGRADING CAMPUS FACILITIES

Several areas on campus were improved during FY24. Through generous donations and gifts, three areas were renovated: the computer lab, the chapel, and an outdoor community area.

To create a more intimate feel, the chapel service moved to Woodard Chapel in the Administrative Building. This increased engagement between the worship team and the worshippers. New technology was incorporated into the chapel as well.

Another upgrade was the addition of a gazebo, a firepit, and a seating area near the pond. These renovations were funded by the Women's Spring Celebration donation. A new tech lab was constructed with updated technology and modern, comfortable setting. Five work stations, two printers, and a dedicated graphics computer are available for student use. The area was designated a quiet zone where students can focus on class assignments.



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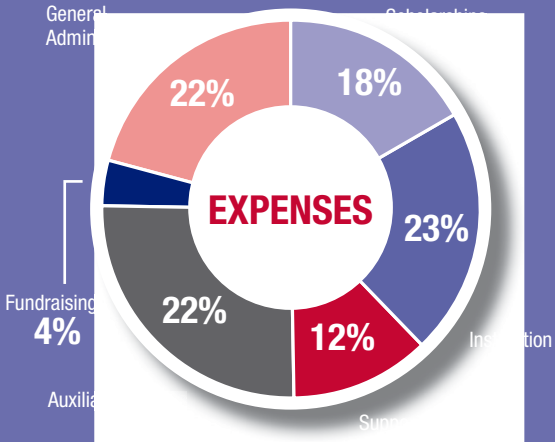
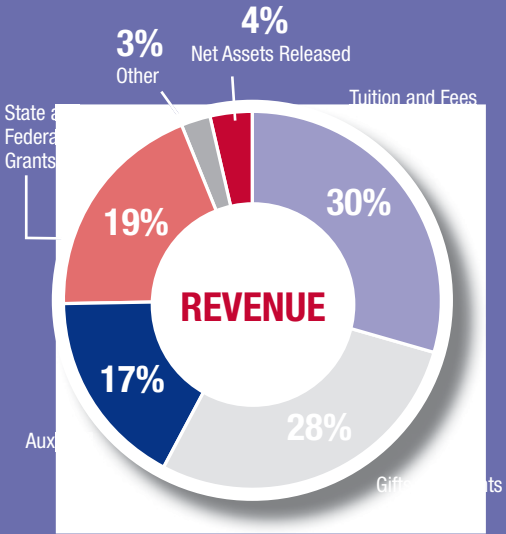
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 Michael and Samantha Walker
 Mark and Deana Walter
 Gary Walton
 Bill and Marcia Ward
 Christine Warren
 Brendan and Lia Warren
 Gary Waters
 David and Sue Watkins

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PURSUING FINANCIAL STABILITY

Tuition and Fees	\$1,565,563	29.8%
Gifts and Grants	\$1,499,998	28.4%
Auxiliary	\$892,090	16.8%
State and Federal Grants	\$1,016,334	19.2%
Other	\$130,401	2.5%
Net Assets Released	\$185,827	3.5%
TOTAL	\$5,290,213	100%

Scholarships	\$914,314	17.7%
Instruction	\$1,151,510	22.5%
Support Services	\$643,607	12.4%
Auxiliary Services	\$1,126,334	21.8%
Fundraising	\$209,990	4.1%
General Administration	\$1,128,467	21.8%
TOTAL	\$5,174,222	100%



Major Gifts

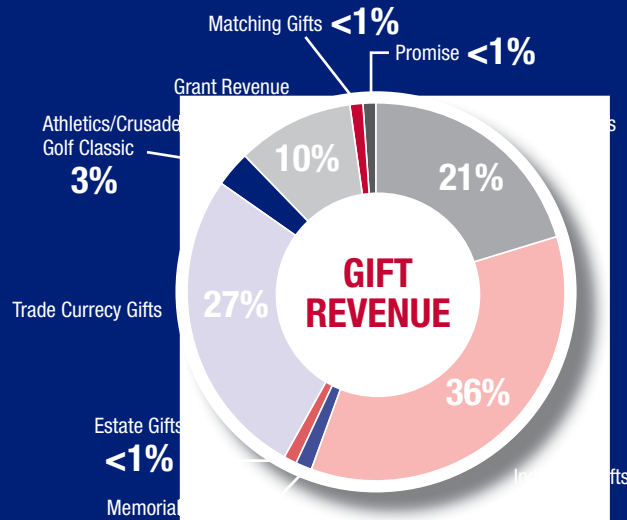
- Stroh Church of Christ gifts the College \$50,000.
- The Solomon Foundation grants the College \$100,000.
- The Gary Granger family gifts the College \$200,000.
- Jamie Osborne gifts the College \$406,000.
- The Log Cabin Society welcomes 62 new sustaining members generating over \$80,000.
- Anonymous donor gifts the College \$50,000.
- Forty-five churches take up special offerings.



GIVE TO **GLCC**
TODAY

Larry and Cheryl Watson*
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Grover and Rose Weed
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Phil and Dale Weldy*
Jerry and Alice Weller
Frank and Tracy Weller*
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Wayne Wells
Matthew and Gloria Wesaw*
Andrew and Kristi West
Michael and Shirley Wetzel
James and Julie Wetzel*
Ralph and Peggy Whalen
Deborah Whitmarsh
Russell and Carrie Wiley*
Russ Wiley
Randy Willett*
Arlyce Williams*
Hazel Williams
Donald Wilson
Donald Wilson
Lauren and Beverly Winsor
Keith and Sharon Wise*
Tracie Wise
Randall Wolfrum*
Kerri Wonch
Barry Wood
Kenneth Wood
Brian and Kellye Wood*
Bruce and Sue Wood
Aaron Woods
Carrol Wren
John and Patricia Wright
Marcia Wright
Richard and Joyce Wisley
Bob and Connie Yocum
Steve and Tammy Young*
Donald Yuvan
Walter and Carolyn Zorn

Church Gifts	\$314,600	20.97%
Individual Gifts	\$536,898	35.79%
Memorial Gifts	\$23,766	1.58%
Estate Gifts	\$1,500	0.10%
Trade Currency Gifts	\$411,000	27.40%
Athletics/Crusader Golf Classic	\$47,259	3.15%
Grant Revenue	\$153,974	10.26%
Matching Gifts	\$7,681	.51%
Promise	\$3,320	.22%
TOTAL	\$ 1,499,998	100%



Churches and Businesses

A Woman's Heart Bible Study
Adventure Christian Church
Algonac Church of Christ
Anchor Christian Church
Ashland Center Church of Christ
Auburn Church of Christ
Auto-Owners Insurance Co.
Bailey Christian Church
Bangor Church of Christ
Barryton Church of Christ
Benevity Community Impact Fund -
Coca-Cola
Benzie Area Church of Christ
Boulevard Christian Church
Buchanan Christian Church
Burden-Patience-Montgomery
Funeral Home
Calvary Christian Church
Cedar Creek Church of Christ
Centerville Christian Church
Central Christian Church
Central MI Christian Men's Fellowship
Delta Community Christian Church
Christ's Church at Butler
Christ's Church Ft. Wayne
Christ's Hope Ministries & Church
Church of Christ at West Unity
Church of Christ in Mason County
Coburn Corners Church of Christ
Coe Church Missionary Fund
Coe Church of Christ
Coe Church of Christ Sunday School
Coe Missions for Christ
Columbia Church of Christ
Community Christian Church
Comstock Church of Christ
Torrent Consulting
Cornerstone Christian Church

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APPRECIATING CHURCH PARTNERS

STROH CHURCH OF CHRIST

For the second year in a row, churches have stepped up to provide additional funds to underwrite the mission of GLCC. This fiscal year more than 45 churches gave a combined \$68,000 in offerings or additional monthly funds. GLCC depends on 33% of gift revenue to come from churches.

The Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh, Indiana is one of those churches. Stroh gave funds for the Legacy Scholarship which provided free tuition to students from ministry and missionary families.

Stroh Church of Christ is located in northeast Indiana at the edge of Stroh, a small town of about 500 people that has served the rural community since 1901. The congregation is very mission minded. Mike Hamm, lead minister at Stroh Church of Christ said, "Twenty-five years ago, we dropped some missions we had supported because we didn't have much contact with them. We began deepening our relationships with a few so our congregation knew the missionaries and the missionaries knew us. We are now truly partners with them in the work they are doing."

Financially, Stroh Church of Christ is strong. "Stroh has a generous congregation, and offerings have been more than the budget needs since we became debt-free during COVID. We chose to bless our Mission partners in big ways. We want to be a conduit of blessing to others," Hamm said.





Hamm said the members of Stroh Church of Christ are committed to helping GLCC. “I have known Frank Weller for 38 years. When Frank became President of GLCC, I knew he was a person that would make a serious effort to turn things around for the school. After he preached at SCC and had lunch with our Mission Ministry team, we bought into his vision for the school and decided to put GLCC into our mission budget. In addition to the monthly support, the Elder Board decided to reconnect SCC, giving a large leadership gift to The Legacy Scholarship fund,” shared Hamm.

“After my brother Todd and I spent some time talking to Dr. Weller, we really felt a burden to help support GLCC, realizing that there is such a shortage of Restoration Movement Christian Colleges. We wanted to do what we could as a congregation to help encourage young people to enter the ministry. God has blessed our congregation greatly over the years, and we wanted to give back. It would be wrong to sit on such a blessing when we can make a difference for generations to come.”

--Eric Perkins, Elder, Stroh Church of Christ

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 (Sault Ste Marie, MI)
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Outreach Christian Church
Owosso Church of Christ*
Palmetto Media, (Jamie Osborne)

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ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

As we reflect upon the 75 years of service we celebrate this year, we are humbled by how God continues to sustain our mission to prepare "students to be servant-leaders in the church and world." It is an urgent mission started in a simple log cabin in 1949 that continues today. Jesus said that the "harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." (Matthew 9:37)



Celebrating 75 Years of Leadership Training



We need more workers in the harvest field, and God has set apart GLCC to answer that call. Over the 75 years of our existence, we have sent out over 1200 graduates who influenced our world in the United States and beyond. Some are serving in churches and others are in the marketplace. We are accomplishing the mission to which God has called us.

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