

Looking – in all the Right Places

By Dave Knutson

It was 1980 and Johnny Lee had us humming along with “looking for love in all the wrong places”. Before long, it was the song that you had to go looking for...but not that one line. It took on a life of its own. It said so clearly what many had done or thought about doing. Hitting close to home, it settled in to stay. That's what a proverb does. It captures a moment, distills a thought and preserves a feeling to find a home in the soul. We're not big on proverbs anymore but that's not always been true.

When it came to wisdom, Solomon was the man. He was rich, famous and very wise. A student of nature, especially human nature. But what he learned, left the man who lacked nothing dissatisfied with everything. Life 'under the sun' turned cold and empty. He had too much of one thing and not nearly enough of another. Fit and fed on the outside he was starving on the inside. His inner man was too big to survive on small truths, no matter how many. He was looking for meaning in all the wrong places and could not find what was never there in the first place.

Three thousand years and counting. There are still no final answers for students of 'life under the sun'. Things simply are. They might just as well have been something else or not have been at all. A billion facts, but no single unifying explanation. The 'what' column is full, the 'why' column, empty. The Nature of Things...description without prescription, platitudes and speculation - adding up to zero.

Long before Solomon, Moses wrote that “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”. God knows that our souls need food...that life is more than eating and drinking. When God made us like himself he placed eternity in our hearts, so that we would never accept death as the final answer. He designed us for life with him so that anything less would just not do. That's what left Solomon cold and empty. God gave him a need to know and a will to live, just like the rest of us.

Francis Schaeffer once described God as the 'God who is There'. The God of the bible is the one who exists as opposed to not existing and he does so eternally. This is the really big fact that Solomon did have. He had it because as

Shaeffer goes on to say, the God who is there, is "There and Not Silent". He has spoken. He has revealed himself verbally and propositionally in human language and preserved it for us through inspiration. Revelation and inspiration have done for us what we could not do for ourselves. God has not buried the really big answers down deep in the dirt or in those



whom he made from it. He has hidden them, instead, in plain sight, in a book. He has patiently explained the difference between good and bad and just what it is that makes them so. He has visited us in person and opened a way from death to life where none had ever been. And he has promised that there will be a resurrection, because eternity is not just something that our hearts long for, but something real for which we have been made.

Solomon didn't know about eternity, but he knew about God. He did what we should all do when we run out of answers. He remembered the word of God and trusted God by obeying Him.

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil (Eccl. 12:13-14)

It's really okay not to have all of the answers, as long as you know and trust the one who does. Only He is God, and our eternity is in his hands.

Great Lakes Bible College is founded on the Bible. It comes first in our studies and all other subjects find their place relative to it. It is food for the soul and light for the mind. But God is the one at the centre, for God's word is not an end in itself but the means to the one who is our eternal home.

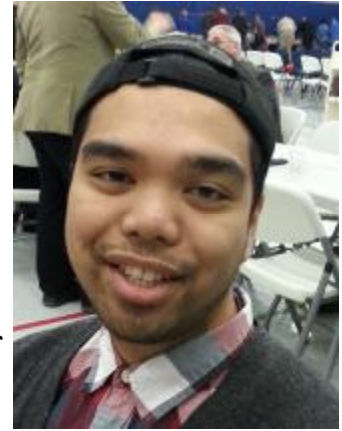
Why GLBC

Kim Huliganga

I found out about the college while I was attending a conference in Niagara Falls. I was working on a different undergraduate program in St. Catharines. I had not yet known what I wanted to pursue, but I realized that I had been reading my Bible more often than my textbooks. I remembered the GLBC representatives who had also attended the conference and the very next semester I joined the Bible College.

Great Lakes has been a blessing to me and my

relationship with God. Through the lessons and anecdotes of my teachers, I have grown in ways I didn't expect. The school is a blessing to those hungry enough to learn. You are encouraged to ask questions, reflect, and apply. And at the centre of all this growth is a profound love for God.



Student Development at GLBC

By Jim Holston

At GLBC we seek to develop students in their personal and spiritual lives.

We seek to develop students academically through a wide-ranging, balanced curriculum. We teach the biblical text. The Bible is the core of our teaching. We offer in-depth courses on the entire Bible, based on the conviction that the Word of God has the power to inform the mind, touch the heart, and transform the life. Even in non-textual courses we build on a biblical foundation. We seek to develop the student's belief system. Our courses include biblical doctrine, general church history, Restoration history, history of Christian thought, apologetics, and worship.

We seek to develop students in practical ministry skills in a variety of areas, including fundamentals of public speaking, preaching, work of the minister, spiritual leadership, evangelism, psychology and counseling, discovering your gift for ministry, and strategies for church growth in a Canadian context.

We seek to develop students spiritually through a growing love for God and other people. We help them deepen their spiritual lives through the practice of the spiritual disciplines and growth in Christ-like discipleship.

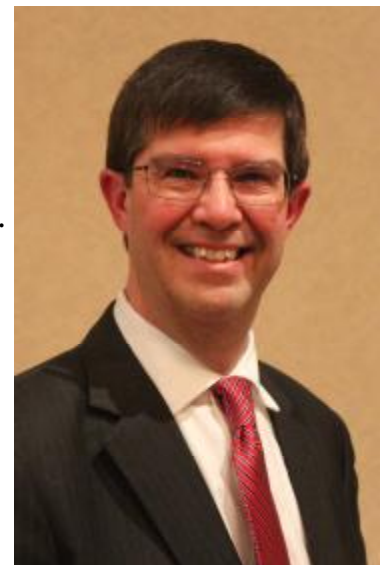
We seek to provide them with intellectual building blocks in order to develop their ability to think for themselves, to reason well, and to interpret the Word of God accurately. We teach them to be self-learners and life-long learners.

We seek to provide our students with practical ministry experiences in order to develop their skills for ministry in a supportive environment.

Our students are required to complete practical field education assignments and an internship with supervised on-the-job training in ministry. Students have opportunities to preach, teach a variety of ages, and lead in worship at Waterloo and other area congregations. Faculty and students have also spoken together at week-end special events.

The ratio of students to teachers at GLBC is low. Small class sizes provide a wonderful opportunity for close student-teacher relationships—unlike larger more impersonal institutions. There is a warm atmosphere at the Bible college. Students and teachers spend time together outside of regular class periods. Teachers have students in their homes. Students and teachers are able to get to know each other on a personal level, which sometimes develops into mentoring relationships.

At GLBC we seek to change the world by developing the precious resource of our students.





Lectureship
2015

Recordings for the 2015 lessons will soon be available at www.glbc.ca. Lessons beginning in 2010 are available as well. Next Year's theme is Christ and Culture. Plan now for November 10-12, 2016.

E-learning Winter 2016

Worship Jim Holston	Samuel & Kings Jim Holston
New Testament Survey Dave Knutson	Contact Academics@glbc.ca
General Epistles Dave Knutson	for information.

Mark your calendar:

GLBC Winter Term begins
January 11, 2016

GLBC Graduation & Promotions Dinner
Sat., April 30, 2016

Lectureship 2016: Christ and Culture
November 10-12, 2016

You're invited to

GLBC Open House

Experience first-hand what a day
in a university-level program of Bible
education is like

Thursday, December 3, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
at
470 Glenelm Crescent
Waterloo, ON N2L 5C8

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Strategies for Evangelism in Canada

From May 25-29, 2015 Jim Holston was in Weyburn Saskatchewan teaching a short-course entitled, **Strategies for Evangelism in Canada**. twelve people gathered from three congregations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba for a week of intense study. The students ranged in age from those currently in university to those who have served several years as Elders. We appreciate the good reports we've had about this first ever effort to hold a short-course in Western Canada.

See photo below.



Weyburn Church of Christ is hosting

Major Doctrines in the History of Christian Thought

a Great Lakes Bible College Short Course May 30-June 3, 2016

We will survey Christian thought from AD 100 to the present. This course highlights the contribution of major leaders and thinkers in the Christian church from the time of the apostolic fathers to the present. It traces the development of Christian thought as it was derived from the scriptures, defended from heresy and acted upon by philosophy, tradition and the forces of society.

Teacher: Dave Knutson

*Course can be taken for 2 hours credit,
or audited as a general interest course.*

*Accommodations provided by
Weyburn Church of Christ,
1115 First Ave. NE, Weyburn, SK*

*For costs, syllabus and other details,
please contact*

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Why GLBC

Ron Sampson

I first decided to go to a Bible college in grade ten. I didn't know why, nor could I have told you why that had popped into my mind. I am certain now that it was God calling me. There simply is no other explanation. At that time, however, I had no idea which school to go to. I had heard of a few, but was unsure which would be best. At the top of my list were Cincinnati Christian University and Rochester College. These were close to the only schools I had considered, and I knew several people who had gone to both. Then my cousin Ashley visited. She was telling my mom about her time at GLBC and I happened to overhear the conversation. I joined in and I made my decision.



After spending the last year and half here, I have learned much, and have become painfully aware of just how much I don't know. I went in not really knowing what to expect, and have loved every minute of school, and have very high hopes for the future. Perhaps the best thing about the school is the personal setting and close relationships the teachers and students have to each other. They're amazing, and have been a huge encouragement to me and my fellow students. As David said in Psalm 25: "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long."

Tribute Listing March 16—October 31, 2015

In Memory of:

Henry Boland

Leroy & Shirley Braun
Valerie Lane
Barclay & Sharon Osborne
Donald & Dianne Perry

Eileen Dale

Valerie Lane
Barclay & Sharon Osborne

Aileen Hilchey

Leroy & Shirley Braun
Myrna Perry

Clare Kindy

Robert & Doris Awde
Garcon & Elsie Brady
Raymond & Marlyne Cronk
Beverley Dashner
Gary & Bruna Hoover
Dean & Judy Keba
Marjorie Lindsay
Don & Shirley Mattice
Paul & Glenda McMillan
Floyd & Carol Moerschfel
Mike Prisciak

Selkirk Christian Chapel
Ira Sherk

Craig Mansfield

Leroy & Shirley Braun

Betty Mashinter

Russell & Sharon Cosby
Sudbury Church of Christ
Eric & Donelda White
Teresa Williams

Nelle Merritt

St. Catharines WAVES

Roy Merritt

Paul & Margaret Birston

Diane Whitfield

Art & Ruby Ford

In Honour of:

Marion Bennett's

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Encounter the Word of God in a warm, intimate learning environment with personal, one-on-one attention from teachers.

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- Winter semester
- on-line courses

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Why Do GLBC Stakeholder Newsletters Always Have a Giving Response Form?

Art Ford

No one has asked me this question, but I sometimes wonder if people think it. The truth of the matter is that wherever there are schools like GLBC, an *ask* for funds will not be far away. Perhaps we've become used to it. Perhaps we've just come to expect it. Do you wonder why it is that way?

Here are some of the reasons I'm asking you to consider a year-end gift to GLBC.

The work of GLBC is important today. We are teaching students to have a better understanding of God's word so they will be transformed to live as Christ in the world.

The work of GLBC is important for tomorrow. When we are giving today we are enabling the teaching of people who will be serving our congregations in the next generation as evangelists, Sunday School teachers, deacons and elders. In that sense we are making an investment in the future of the church.

We are helping students today. Those who are

preparing themselves to minister are unlikely to be among the highest money earners of their generation. Since churches are unable to provide that benefit, we don't want them to leave school with so much debt that they will be overwhelmed by it. Our fees remain relatively low when compared to other private Bible and Christian Colleges by design.



The school will not survive unless we give. In asking you, I recognize my own responsibility to give. Good works like this cannot survive without each of us doing what we can, according to the resources with which God has blessed us. If we wish to see these ministries continue, we need to take seriously our responsibility to give.

God loves cheerful givers (1 Cor. 9:7). We each receive God's grace willingly and bountifully. Receiving grace, makes us want to be more gracious, since that means we will become more like God. Giving is one of those ways we can bless others, and at the same time be blessed by God.



Great Lakes Bible College

Providing a university-level program of Bible education to prepare students for effective spiritual living, Christian service, and worldwide evangelism.

Name _____

Address _____

Yes, I'd like to bless others by helping ...

Here is our *lump sum* gift to the college of

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*Great Lakes Bible College
4875 King St., Beamsville, ON LOR 1B6
and/or*

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on the _____ day of the month until further notice.
We can change this monthly giving arrangement at any time by contacting Great Lakes Bible College in writing.

November 2015