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### Board of Trustees

Behind the scenes at GLBC is a hard working group of people who often get little thanks or recognition for the work they do. We want you to know who they are and that we appreciate the work they do.

Joanne Fritz has observed, "Serving on a volunteer board of directors can be a study in frustration or one of the great pleasures of your life...But when both volunteer board member and charity are well matched, serving on a board can be personally and professionally rewarding."

This group is responsible for some very important aspects of the work of the college. At the moment, they are deciding who our next president will be. They also approve the annual budget for the school and the overall direction we will take.

Please pray for each board member, and the contribution he or she is making. As well we ask you to consider whether you would consider serving with them. If so, please make that known by contacting us at [Boardchair@glbc.ca](mailto:Boardchair@glbc.ca).



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## Vocational Missions

### Going Above & Beyond

Rabbi Yeshuda once said, “He who does not teach his son a trade, teaches him to rob”<sup>1</sup>. Most Jewish rabbis felt the same; Hillel was a wood-cutter and Shammai, a carpenter. They earned their living from honest work while serving as rabbis. As a student of Gamaliel, the apostle Paul did the same. He made tents for a living, but lived to preach the gospel (Acts 18:2-5).

Now Paul was quick to point out his right to receive material things from those whom he served in spiritual matters (I Cor 9:7-14, II Thess 3:7-10). Yet as an evangelist, he pursued a trade to earn an income.

Vocational missionaries enjoy certain advantages. The apostle Paul never worried about ‘losing his support’. There was variety to the ebb and flow of daily life. When support arrived, he scaled up his missions and made fewer tents. When support ran out, he went back to the marketplace (Phil. 4:11-18). In that marketplace Paul traded both in goods and ideas. He stayed in touch with the people around him who bought his wares and listened to the gospel. God used a simple trade to secure the missionary work of the apostle Paul for over 20 years.

The need for increased missions in Canada has never been greater. Our numbers are down and church workers are leaving faster than they are being replaced. Many small churches have neither a part-time nor a full-time evangelist. We are “understaffed”, with no collective strategy going forward.

What would happen if we revived Paul’s ministry model? What if we each finished our last two decades, doing what he did?

Now if we were setting out to plant new churches, we would be delighted to start with a team of 20 or 30. Instead of bemoaning those churches that once were large, let us think of them as church plant opportunities. Each small church is an important presence in its particular community. Rather than shrinking out of sight, we ought to grow these again into church-planting churches.



## Great Lakes Bible College

### Graduation & Promotion Dinner

5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017

at Bingemans, Kitchener, ON

Tickets: \$33.00 per person

RSVP by April 20

Call: 289-696-2538 or

Email: [administration@glbc.ca](mailto:administration@glbc.ca)

To do this, we need as many workers as possible, as soon as possible. That is where vocational missionaries come in. Self-supported workers can fill the gap in our human resources and begin to grow the church right away. As the church grows, some may ramp up into full-time ministry or move on to plant or grow other churches. But as the Lord’s church in Canada, we need to do more and we need to do it now.

Great Lakes Bible College has a history of equipping church workers with Biblical knowledge and ministry skills. Some of our graduates are ministering full-time. The majority of those who have studied with us, ply a trade or work professionally while ministering as they are able. We need for more people to do the same, transforming struggling churches into growing ones.

Let us renew our vision for what the Lord’s church in Canada can be and do. May God bless our collective efforts to seek Him and move us to serve Him.

David Knutson

<sup>1</sup> Kiddushin 82, response to question 29a (part of the last tractate of the third order of the Mishnah Nashim)

**Lectureship 2017**

**The Kingdom of God is Like...**

**November 9-11**

**Mark your calendar**



## What GLBC has Taught Me

Glen Robins

It has been close to eight years since I graduated with the Bachelor of Theology degree from GLBC. Six months after graduation, I moved from Waterloo, ON to Montreal, QC to work with the Ville-Emard Church of Christ full-time. Exactly two years after I began working with Ville-Emard (a congregation – a family -- that Ashley and I continue to visit on a yearly basis), I moved back to Waterloo and shortly began working at the downtown Kitchener Home Hardware Building Centre, where I have been driving delivery trucks for the past five years. So, what impact does my degree have on my life today?

First, I'm fully convinced that God used the knowledge and skills that I learned at GLBC to equip me for ministry in the pulpit. Before GLBC, my only real public speaking experience that I can recall was a nervous Grade 8 speech. I did not consider myself talkative, let alone cut out for preaching. And yet, even though I am currently not in full-time paid ministry, I still find myself giving a sermon between two and three Sundays a month to a regular circuit of churches in Southern Ontario – this, only by God's grace. Were it not for the exegetical, interpretive, and homiletical skills that I received at GLBC, I'm not quite sure how I could prepare and deliver the sermons that I do.

Secondly, GLBC also taught me that ministry for Jesus is more than simply that which happens behind a pulpit or within the confines of a church building. By no means is this the reason that I am not in full-time ministry, but – as one who came face-to-face with the high calling of pastoral ministry at GLBC – I have been able to recognize the holy purpose and character of my life as a disciple, whether I wake up in the morning to write a sermon, or I wake up to deliver your drywall and 2x4s. My workplace is a place that is **ripe** for the ministry of the word of truth.

Thirdly, GLBC afforded me the opportunity to form meaningful relationships with my teachers and fellow classmates, and as our family is fortunate enough to live in Kitchener-Waterloo and worship with the Waterloo church, I have been able to maintain many of those relationships.

I can say without a doubt that my Lord used GLBC to shape me for ministry. My current daily office has a gear shifter and a steering wheel, but I am still using the Bible knowledge and study tools from GLBC on an almost weekly basis. I am thankful for my journey through GLBC, and I would not be who I am, or where I am without it.

### BIBLE STUDY FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Weyburn, Saskatchewan**, May 8-12

***Experiencing God in the Spiritual Disciplines***

Instructor: Jim Holston

**Red Deer, Alberta**, May 15-19

***Exposition of James, I & II Peter and 1 John***

Instructor: Dave Knutson

**Courses can be taken for two hours credit, or audited as a general interest course. Cost for credit: CDN \$380/audit CDN\$190.**

**Local Housing Arrangements Available Registration due by April 15**

**Contact: Dave Knutson    [academics@glbc.ca](mailto:academics@glbc.ca) or 519-342-3040**



## **Testimonial** by Graham Nash

I moved to Waterloo to attend Conestoga College in 1998. I found the Waterloo church of Christ and that is where I met Jamie Azzoparde who was a student at GLBC at the time. He invited me to attend GLBC and gave me a parable to consider, “There were two lumberjacks who each work nine to five cutting down trees. The first lumberjack got up and enjoyed some breakfast and went out at 9:00 and began to cut down trees and by 5:00 there were 24 trees cut down. The second lumberjack decided to get up extra early and spend the first three hours of the day sharpening the axe before breakfast and then went out at 9:00 to begin cutting down trees and by 5:00 there were 48 trees cut down.” Taking one or two or more years at GLBC is like taking the time to sharpen your axe. God will use you in whatever capacity you provide yourself in, but how much more effectively can you be used to further His Kingdom then when you spend a few years in full time academic studies into His Word prior to going out into the world.

I started at GLBC with no intention of becoming a preacher, only to ‘sharpen my axe’. I ended up studying at GLBC for four years where I not only learned how to effectively study and accurately defend Gods Word but also how to understand it and apply it to everyday life. Anyone can pick up their Bible and study it, but there is no replacement to spending six hours a day for four days a week with at least 48 hours of additional homework involving assignments and reading both the Bible and Bible commentaries. I emerged from GLBC completely full of God’s Word and ready to be used by God in everyday life. Of course our studies involving Gods Word never end but GLBC certainly equipped me with the tools to study the Bible for all its worth.

I am now happily married with two children and currently work full time for the Region of Waterloo as a Grand River Transit bus operator. I trust that God is using my time spent at GLBC in every way possible as I continue to interact with my wife, children, family, friends and co-workers.

## **Studies in Psalms**

Instructor: **Paul Birston**, Winnipeg, MB

a Short Course at Camp Omagh August 28 - Sept 1

Tuition: audit \$195, credit \$390  
(plus housing fee of \$100)

Contact: David Knutson  
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## **Tributes**

*November 16, 2016 – March 31, 2017*

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

#### **Dorothy Ellis**

Valerie Lane  
Sharon Osborne  
Lionel & Bonnie Weir

#### **Verna Hotchkiss**

Karen Ault  
John & Mary Colyn  
Gordon & Dorothy Dennis  
Art & Ruby Ford  
Murray Hibbard  
Harold and Mary Long  
Mike & Sandy Lunn  
Randy & Lois Morritt  
Pinehill Church of Christ  
Colleen Seabrook  
Rachel Seabrook  
Leslie & Georgina Smith  
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Adolph & Joyce Turpin  
Shirley Vine  
Eric & Donelda White  
Goldie Whitehead

#### **Roy Merritt**

Paul & Margaret Birston

#### **Harvey Parker**

Wayne & Helen Parker

#### **Martin Schlarb**

Louise Schlarb

#### **Harry & Edith Stevens**

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#### **Sadie Tallman**

Lionel & Bonnie Weir

#### **Fred Whittington**

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# **Great Lakes Bible College**

invites nominations & applications for the position of

## **College President**

Hiring a president must be one of the most difficult tasks any organization faces. Leadership is critical, and a significant part of building an excellent organization is having excellent leadership. For Great Lakes Bible College, our challenges are compounded by a lack of resources. Our inability to offer full-time compensation severely limits our pool of candidates. We have received a few applications and look forward to interacting with these individuals. We are also faced with the possibility that we may not have a new president in place by the time of Art's departure at the end of June. Regardless of the timing, the Board will work diligently to provide wise leadership for the school, and a smooth transition for the leader that we have asked God to provide for us.

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Apr 2017