

WINTER 2023

From the President's Desk Innovating with Continuity

On New Years Day, I celebrated my first full year working for GLBC. Looking back, I'm especially thankful to work with a wonderful faculty, students and board. Through my phone calls, emails, prayers, meditation and visits, I have been given much to reflect on. Recognizing the strengths of the school, I also understand the need to try some new things as we adapt to the changing landscape. Here's a bit about where we've been and where I hope we may go.

What are GLBC's strengths?

- I continue to be in awe of the **faithful supporters and amazing students** across Canada, the US, and beyond. I give glory to God for the brothers and sisters that continue to encourage, provide for and participate in this ministry.
- Our **Bible, Ministry, Worldview Paradigm** is essential to our ministry. The planning and work to develop an accessible and holistic curriculum in previous years continues to show benefits today.
- We have effectively **utilized technology to connect** with students and faculty around the globe, especially in the past two years. Our Fall 2022 term had 41 students (7.5 FTE) across multiple time zones.



Immanuel Velasco
President

Challenges and Innovating in 2022

- With increased costs of living, the **GLBC Sponsorship Fund was created** to meet the growing needs of students that wish to study with GLBC, but do not have available funds. *Special thanks to our supporters who agreed to reallocate gifts for this purpose!*
- We continue to **think differently about Ministry**. At GLBC, we champion that every Christian should be involved in ministry based on their talents and capabilities. We see church members of many backgrounds finding value in our program- not just those planning for, or currently involved in vocational ministry.
- **Our second Giving Tuesday Campaign raised over \$20,000.** More about this on the back page.

Innovating with Continuity for 2023

- **New and returning class formats** will be available this year, providing the opportunity for community building without sacrificing convenience. For example, GLBC is partnering with Strathmore Boulevard Church of Christ (Toronto) to offer an *in-person hybrid weekend course in April* that will also be available online for those who can't make the trip.
- In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing **different ways that you can support the school**. Aside from your prayers, financial support and participation in classes, there are plenty of opportunities to partner with GLBC. Keep an eye on your email inbox and on social media pages for more details.

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Fall 2022 Updates



Considering Vocational Ministry?

Do you or anyone in your congregation want to **pursue full-time ministry**? Perhaps you've been thinking about ministry as a second career, or as part of your early retirement plan.

Through planned giving, the *Williams-Bennetts Fund* has been created with the purpose of helping students **step into to full-time studies** and vocational ministry. For qualifying students in Canada, tuition and the option for modest living expenses may be covered.

The Williams and Bennetts families have been involved with Great Lakes Christian College and Great Lakes Bible College since their inception. This fund was established with their partnership to share God's blessings and honour that relationship.

For more information, or to see if you qualify, please contact: immanuelvelasco@glbc.ca

Website Updates

We've added new pages to our website to align with developments to our financial strategy and to provide more information about gift allocation.

- **Our Funds** provides an overview of the three primary funds that our partners make donations to, and the purpose of each fund.
- **Planned and Legacy Giving** provides general information for anyone who may be considering a planned gift to the school.

There are numerous options for legacy gifts. We encourage you to consult with your legal and financial advisors to consider all the relevant issues and income tax provisions.

Check Out The Updated Pages

1. Visit glbc.ca
2. On the top ribbon, click 'Donate' to access the updated pages



Online Store Additions



Due to your requests, we've added **embroidered toques, polos and jackets** to the GLBC Online Store.

Visit the GLBC Store!

1. Visit glbc.ca
2. Click on 'visit the GLBC Store!'

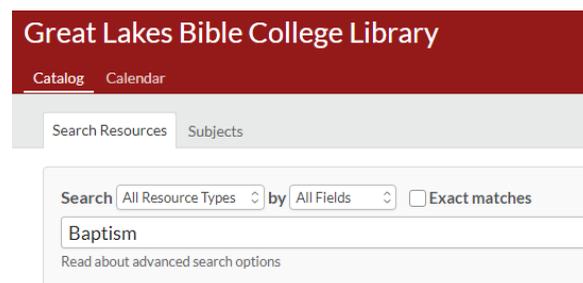
Browse the GLBC Library

Did you know that students and supporters alike can browse our GLBC Library? Follow the steps below to browse books and resources:

Step 1: Visit our online catalogue:

<https://bit.ly/GLBCLibrary>

Step 2: Browse or search by Title, Topic, Author, etc.



Step 3: To request the resource:

- a. click on the resource title
- b. then click 'place on hold'

Place a Hold

Step 4: Send an email to admin@glbc.ca with the call number and the information you're looking for. We will coordinate the best way to get the requested resources to you.

- Important Notes About Placing a Hold**
- If you don't already have a Populi Log-in, email admin@glbc.ca to request a 'Patron Account'
 - In order to place a hold, you may need to click 'log in' in the top right hand corner

2023 Winter Term Course Offerings

Join us for weekly Chapel this term, Wednesdays @ noon:

<https://bit.ly/3iZADuh>

January to April 2023

- Chronicles to Esther
- Luke
- Intro to Hebrew II
- Exegesis and Hermeneutics
- Ministry Formation

8-Week Short Courses

- Biblical Theology II –New Testament (*March to April*)
- Understanding Extra-Biblical Theology Writings (Confessional, Systematic, Evangelical, Special Interest, etc.) (*March to April*)
- Apologetics for Everybody (Preparing to Give an Answer for the Hope in You) (*March to April*)

REGISTER NOW!

Classes start January 9, but there's still time to sign up for our March Short Courses.

GLBC graduate profile

David Nickele, Cambridge, ON



Pictured: David with his wife, Elizabeth Nickele

1) What year did you graduate from GLBC?
2019.

2) What are you up to these days?

I currently work as an employee for the City of Kitchener as a Custodian, I participate in church events where possible and often look forward to where God is guiding my steps. I am also very involved in a 12-Step program where I recently received 15 years clean and sober.

3) Where have you used your GLBC education since graduation?

I have volunteered as youth leader for churches; Scouts-Canada leader/chaplain; guest preacher and teacher, speaking for 12-step programs using the speech fundamentals I learned at GLBC. I have on occasion written for the Gospel Herald and plan to write for other publications in the future. Similar to the work of the Levites, I see myself as both a teacher and a custodian while working at the city of Kitchener -- a respected member of the community.

4) What was your favourite class?

Leviticus is my favorite class, some might think that surprising, especially as Leviticus can be a very dry read, and to some extent that is true. It is not for the faint at heart, especially without the aid of a good commentary or biblical instructor. However, understanding the foreshadowing of the perfect atonement that is Jesus, Leviticus becomes an amazing prelude to the coming Christ and his profound requirement to save the whole of humanity.

5) What would you say to someone considering taking classes at GLBC?

Go for it—and in person, if possible. Some of my closest friends today were a result of attending GLBC. There will be challenges; trust God. Don't be afraid of asking the questions on your heart. Be humble, be bold, and persevere. You are going there to grow and learn, but remember your presence will do the same for your fellow classmates and even your teachers. Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

APOLOGETICS FOR EVERYBODY

PREPARING TO GIVE AN ANSWER
FOR THE HOPE IN YOU

with speaker **Chad Ramsey**

A Weekend Event hosted by
**STRATHMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
& GREAT LAKES BIBLE COLLEGE**

April 14-16, 2023
346 Strathmore Boulevard
Toronto, ON

Read Chad's pertinent Gospel Advocate article:

<https://bit.ly/3wiMbCA>

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GIVING TUESDAY



UPDATE

We are incredibly grateful for your show of support during our 2022 Giving Tuesday campaign. Your response to our call for donations exceeded our expectations and came very close to our total from last year. With our Canadian Support and the matching gift pledge from bretheren in the US, we raised **\$16,500** specifically to our Giving Tuesday Campaign. If we include the unspecified gifts that arrived by year's end, we raised over **\$20,000**, all in an effort to continue to equip students across Canada and beyond to share the message of the Gospel.

As we have mentioned in this year's Giving Tuesday messaging, your donations have been designated for specific initiatives including technology upgrades for class recordings and library resources. These funds will also be bookmarked for our 2023 operating costs. In the following months, we hope to keep you updated on how these purchases have contributed towards a better learning experience for our students and GLBC community.

Once again, we are blessed by your willingness to participate in our work for the Kingdom. Thank you for your generous support!