

# IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

## GENERATION TO GENERATION CAMPAIGN

Just as past generations of faithful believers laid the foundations of our ministry, your support today can equip future leaders to carry the gospel forward—shaping hearts, communities, and generations yet to come.

With this in mind, we are launching our "Generation to Generation" Campaign to help educate and inspire believers about the power of Planned Giving. Through this initiative, we hope to encourage Christians to consider how they can leave both a spiritual and tangible legacy—passing on their faith and blessings from one generation of the Church to the next.

Legacy gifts can be directed to support the ministries closest to your heart, including your local congregation or any area of ministry that reflects your passion for God's work. Together, we can ensure that the light of the gospel continues to shine brightly for generations to come.

## GIFTING OPTIONS

- Wills and Bequests
- Gifting Life Insurance or Registered Plans and Retirement Funds
- Major Gifts
- Endowments and Pledges
- Gifts of Real Estate and Tangible Property
- Gifting Securities

Get in touch with our team today to explore options. Email: [immanuelvelasco@glbc.ca](mailto:immanuelvelasco@glbc.ca) or call/text: (226) 507-5452.

## THE NEED FOR GLBC'S MISSION

### ▪ A Unique Role:

GLBC is the only post-secondary institution in Canada serving the a cappella churches of Christ.

### ▪ A Secular Landscape:

Fewer than 20% of Canadians attend a religious service monthly—highlighting the urgent need for well-equipped Christian leaders.

### ▪ A Vast Mission Field:

With a population density of just 11.4 people per square mile, Canada's vast distances and isolation create distinctive ministry challenges and opportunities.



## EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS FOR SERVICE

### 1. A Flexible and Affordable Learning Platform

Alongside GLBC's in-person courses, our expanding online program offers both accessibility and adaptability. Students can now join live virtual classes from anywhere in Canada—including designated video-conference spaces hosted by local congregations—or watch class recordings at a time that fits their schedule.

### 2. Strengthening Local Congregations

Nearly half of the churches of Christ in Canada currently operate without a full-time evangelist. GLBC is helping to change that reality by equipping men to serve effectively in their own congregations—as teachers, elders, deacons, and evangelists—building stronger churches from the inside out.

### 3. Securing the Future of Ministry Training

GLBC has embarked on a long-term initiative to strengthen our financial foundation and ensure stability for years to come. Through the careful investment of operational surpluses and legacy gifts, we are laying the groundwork for a sustainable future that will continue to prepare Christian leaders for generations ahead.



## COMING UP...

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# GREAT LAKES BIBLE COLLEGE



## GENERATION TO GENERATION

*A GLBC campaign to educate Christians on Planned Giving to benefit any and all ministries close to their hearts or their local congregations.*

**MAKE A PLEDGE TODAY**

E-mail [immanuelvelasco@glbc.ca](mailto:immanuelvelasco@glbc.ca) for giving options, or visit: [www.glbc.ca/generation-to-generation-giving](http://www.glbc.ca/generation-to-generation-giving).

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## NATHAN BROWN

### **SAMUEL & KINGS (15 WEEKS)**

These books describe the 'Monarchy Period' of Israel's history. Beginning with the last of the judges, this study covers the United and Divided Kingdoms of Israel, including their exploits in international politics and religious apostasy leading to exile.

### **CHURCH HISTORY I (15 WEEKS)**

A survey of the history of the church from the first century until the end of the thirteenth century. The course will introduce the influential figures of this period and the contextual pressures that influenced them. Unfortunately, departures from the New Testament pattern dominate the story of this period. Nevertheless, there remain lessons, both positive and negative, that we can learn from how professing Christians interpreted Scripture, served others, and interacted with the world around them.

### **OLD TESTAMENT WORLD (8 WEEKS: MAR-APR)**

An introduction to the historical contexts in which the stories of Old Testament events are to be understood. A study of the social, religious, economic, and political settings of the ancient Near East.

## PAUL BIRSTON

### **EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON (15 WEEKS)**

An in-depth, verse-by-verse textual study of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon in their historical, religious, social and geographical contexts. Special attention is given to Paul's high view of Jesus, His death and resurrection for our redemption and His eternal work of Creation. Insights gained will be helpful in preaching, teaching, missions, evangelism, disciple-making, counselling, and personal spiritual growth.

### **BIBLICAL PREACHING (12 WEEKS: LAST WEEK OF JAN-APR)**

A practical introduction to Biblical preaching for men interested in preaching occasionally, more often or eventually full-time. A great refresher for men with preaching experience. The course reviews God's priority of preaching in proclaiming the gospel and equipping His people. We develop skills in: selecting passages, identifying their key eternal messages, historical backgrounds, sermon forms, outlines, manuscripts and sermon delivery to help listeners experience the transforming power of God's Word and their application in living today.

### **UNDERSTANDING CULTURE - ENGAGING PEOPLE (8 WEEKS: MAR-APR)**

Understanding the cultures of our neighbours locally and globally enhances our ability to build relationships, engage them with God and His Word, and communicate the gospel. This course will explore the cultures of the world and Canada historically and in the 21st century in light of 12 dimensions of their formation, the cultures of people in Scripture, and ultimately the culture of heaven.



## 2026 SCHEDULE

### WINTER 2026

Jan 5 - 9	First Week of Classes
Feb 23 - 27	Spring Break
Mar 2 - Apr 24	Short Course - TBD
Apr 24	Last Day of Classes
Apr 25	Graduation & GLBC Connects
May - Date TBD	Servant Skills Workshop @ Weyburn

### FALL 2026

Aug 31 - Sep 4	Life of Paul with Chad Ramsey @ Omagh
Sep 7	Labour Day
Sep 8 - 11	First Week of Classes
Oct 5 - Nov 27	Short Course - TBD
Dec 18	Last Day of Classes

## SAVE THE DATE

### GREAT LAKES BIBLE COLLEGE

Cordially Invites You to Celebrate the

*Class of*  
**2026**

*Saturday April 25, 2026*

TIME - TBA

# WINTER 2026 COURSES

## *How to Register*

### THROUGH POPULI (ONLINE)



#### **Go to: [glbc.populiweb.com](http://glbc.populiweb.com)**

- Log-in with your username and password.
- Go to "My Profile".



#### **Go to: Registration**

- Go to "Registering for".
- Using the drop-down menu select the term.



#### **Go to "Courses Offered"**

Below it you will see "enrol/audit".

- Using the drop-down menu, choose courses to "Enrol in", which is taking the class for credit, or to "Audit", which is taking the class as an auditor.



#### **Make a Payment**

Go to "Financial".

Go to "Dashboard" under Financial.

- Click "Make Payment".
- The form "Pay Student Charges for {Student Name}" will come up.
- Complete the form and save.



#### **Select the Courses**

- Select the "+" next to your desired course.
- Review the information.
- Click "Add" at the lower right corner.
- Select "Save" in the upper right corner.

# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As we look toward the future, GLBC continues to focus on long-term sustainability while expanding opportunities for learning, connection, and service.

## Strengthening Sustainability

Our sustainability plan centers on:

- Increasing general donations and bequests
- Investing excess funds wisely
- Maintaining responsible and careful fiscal spending

## Meet the President Lunch

Held alongside our AGM, the Meet the President Lunch welcomed about 10 attendees, including three board members. We reflected on GLBC's history, discussed how technology is helping us adapt and grow, and shared our commitment to sound fiscal policies that support increased giving and investment.

## Staff and Ministry Updates

We are pleased to welcome Tom Garside from the Waterloo Church of Christ, who is now assisting with our library— this valuable resource is available to congregations across Canada.

We have made excellent progress toward Professor Nathan Brown returning to Canada under a work permit. In the meantime, he continues to do an excellent job teaching online.

Several congregations have taken GLBC classes together, and we look forward to seeing more churches take advantage of this opportunity.



## Looking Ahead

A new GLBC webpage, Generation to Generation, has been launched to highlight legacy giving and future-focused ministry. You can visit this page at:

<https://www.glbc.ca/generation-to-generation-giving>

We are also excited to announce an upcoming in-person short course:

## Servant Skills for Every Christian

Weyburn Church of Christ, Saskatchewan  
Week of May 4, 2026

For more information, contact John Smith  
or email us at [info@glbc.ca](mailto:info@glbc.ca).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to equip Christians across Canada for faithful service.

In Christ,  
Immanuel Velasco

*Photos from recent AGM*





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# BECOME A CORPORATION MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

GREAT LAKES BIBLE COLLEGE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT YOU!

Corporation members regulate the by-laws, which set the condition of the Board's function. In essence, the corporation members are the "boss" and directs how the Board takes responsibility for the College.

## Here's how:

1 - Visit [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org) and search for "Great Lakes Bible College".

2 - Once on the page, navigate to the "Donate to this Charity" section.

3 - From the fund drop-down menu, select "Corporation Membership".

4 - Enter your membership amount:

- 1-Year Membership: \$50.00 CAD per person
- 3-Year Membership: \$135.00 CAD per person

5 - In the Message/Notes section, please include:

- The name of your church of Christ congregation;
- A note indicating Great Lakes Bible College as the school you wish to be a Corporation Member of;
- Your chosen membership option (1-year or 3-year);
- Click "Continue to Complete Donation" to proceed to the Donor and Tax Information page, then enter your contact and payment details to complete the process.



### Donate to this charity

[Donate Now](#) [Donate Monthly](#) [Donate Securities](#)

Donation amount\*

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Apply your donation to a fund set up by this charity\*

Corporation Membership (\$50/year or \$135/3 years)

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Send a message to this charity (optional)

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Give in honour or send an ecard (optional) [Add a Dedication](#)

Continue to Complete Donation

## Why Your Membership Matters

- ◆ Provides voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting.
- ◆ Gives you a voice in the ongoing work of the College.
- ◆ Supports faith-based learning and leadership development.
- ◆ Keeps you connected through regular updates and events.
- ◆ GLBC depends on its Corporation Members — as required by our Charter, members must come from churches of Christ congregations. Your involvement ensures that the College remains rooted in faith and responsive to the needs of the church.



Board of Trustees at the recent AGM in October.

**GET  
STARTED!**

Join or renew your membership today —  
and be part of what God is doing through  
Christian education!