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CHARTER BUS ANNOUNCEMENT



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Great Lakes Christian College Acquires Charter Bus Expected to be safer, less expensive and improve student experience.

July 28, 2025 – Motorists are likely to spot the “Crusader Carriage” as they travel interstates this fall. Today the College took delivery of a 2008 charter bus which it acquired from Michigan State University’s surplus store.

With the lease on the College’s sprinter vans expiring, Athletic Director Jacob Leyrer saw an opportunity to save money, improve student safety, and provide a better experience for student athletes. Larger athletic teams, like men’s and women’s soccer typically drove two vans to away matches. The bus will be more fuel efficient than two vans, and according to Vice President of Finance and Operations Bryan Tarrant, “We will not only save on van rental, but also lodging and food since athletic teams that compete less than ten hours from the College can now return to campus instead of staying the night in a hotel.”



This move also enables student athletes to miss fewer classes, pointed out Leyrer.

For GLCC President Dr. Frank Weller, who drove a school bus when he was a youth minister shortly after graduating from GLCC, the safety of GLCC students is the biggest benefit. “Traveling in a charter bus is exponentially safer. Not only is a bus safer than a van, but a commercially licensed driver means tired coaches won’t need to drive after coaching our athletes to another Crusader victory,” said Weller.

Additional details:

- The College purchased the bus for less than the cost of a new fifteen-passenger van.
- The bus’s relatively low mileage means it should serve the College for several years to come.
- Shattuck Specialty Advertising of Owosso, Michigan swapped out Spartan green for Crusader blue. The blue and white wrap makes the bus a rolling billboard that promotes GLCC.

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