

The History of

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

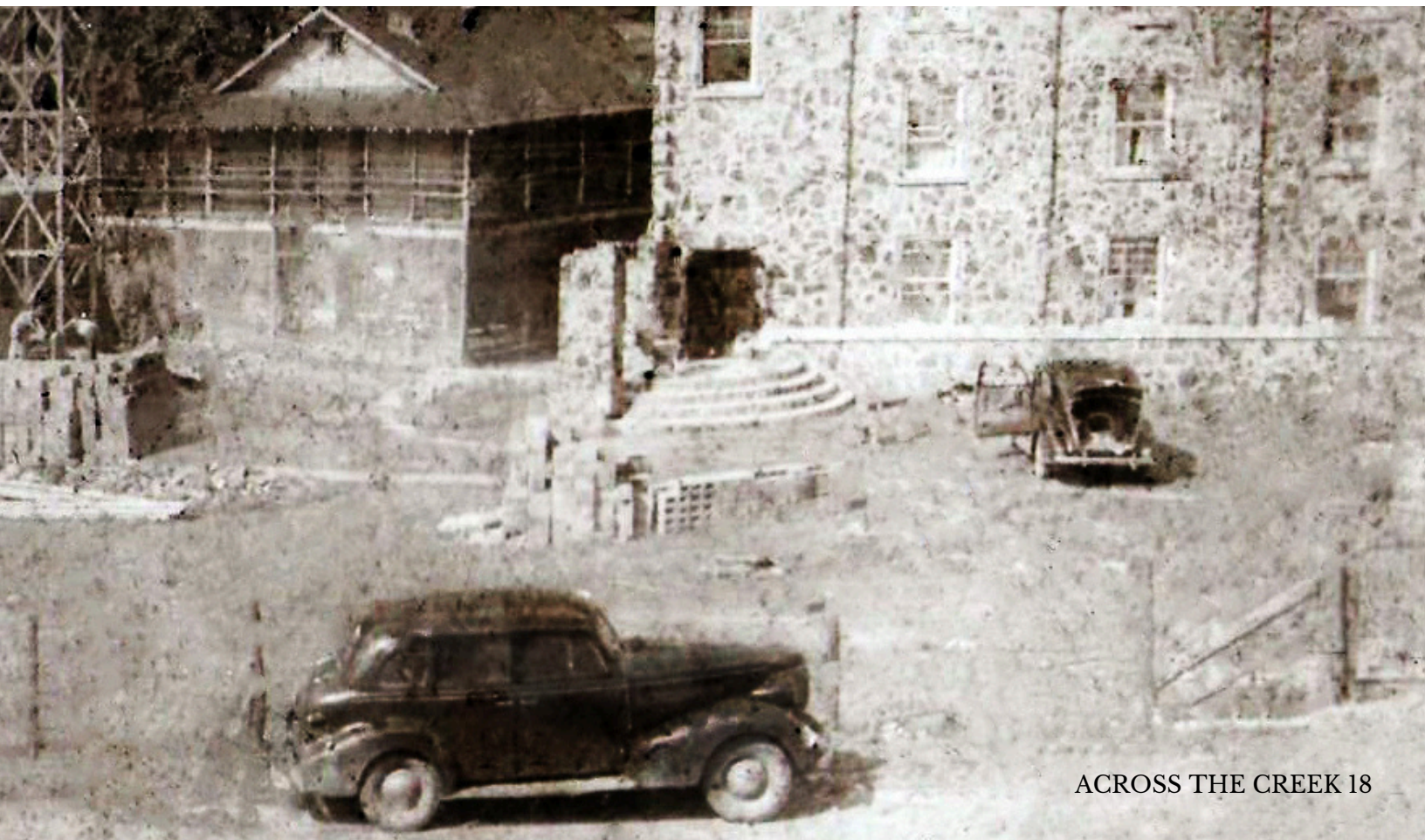
Dr. Lloyd Caswell Kelly pastored First Baptist Church in Pineville, Kentucky, and founded Clear Creek and was the first president in 1926. His mission for bringing Christian education to the mountains was twofold. He was inspired to charter Clear Creek Mountain Springs, Inc. "...for educational, recreational, and religious purposes, with two objectives in mind: (1) to provide grounds for assemblies and encampments and (2) to establish a base for a 'mountain mission' program."

The first sessions were held from July 18 - August 1, 1926, with twelve students.

In 1946, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (now the Kentucky Baptist Convention) approved the name of the school as Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's Bible School. The primary focus of the school continues to be educating God-called men and women for Christian ministry.

From 1954-1982, Dr. Dennis Merrill Aldridge served as the second president of the school. Under his leadership, the school grew to offer a four-year baccalaureate degree. A charter revision in 1957 changed the name to Clear Creek Baptist School.

First Picture of Kelly Hall





Baptism in the Creek

Dr. Leon D. Simpson was the third president from 1982 to 1988. During this time, the Pomeroy Family Life Center was constructed. The school also adopted an innovative class schedule to encourage the enrollment of commuting students. In 1986, CCBBC became accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (now the Association of Biblical Higher Education). The institution's name was changed to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in the same year.

Dr. Bill D. Whittaker served as the fourth president from 1988-2007. In 1998, a successful capital campaign concluded with the completion of a new classroom building and nearly a million dollars in additional endowment. The college received accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 1999; this was renewed in 2005.



Dr. Donald S. Fox served as the fifth president of the institution from 2007-2022. The president moved his home back to campus during the first year of his administration to better interact with the campus family. All academic programs became fully accessible online in the fall of 2012. Clear Creek launched a competency-based Master of Arts in Ministry degree in 2020, making the institution a level three school.

Dr. Charlie R. Goodman became the sixth president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in 2023. Under his leadership, the college is striving to accomplish its vision to operate for the good of the students, the growth of the institution, and the glory of God.

Back to the Beginning

CLEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN PREACHER'S SCHOOL



L.C. Kelly had a God-given vision for an educational institution and a passion for teaching and equipping men for ministry. In 1926, Clear Creek held its first summer session. From there, enrollment began to grow, and the school became a year-round operation.

Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's Bible School was, as its name implies, preeminently a school of the Bible and a school for preachers. Although our name has since changed, our vision has stayed the same. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College is still the Preacher's Bible School and will continue to equip men for pastoral ministry.

The following paragraph is an excerpt from *Born in the Heart of God: A History of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College 1926-2008*:

"...in the years following 1926, when Clear Creek Baptist Bible College started, change has certainly (and often) occurred... Classes do not take place in a tent, as they first did - there are commodious, modern buildings where Christian education occurs. Certainly, the faces have changed. Thousands of students have matriculated through a process that hopefully meant personal and spiritual growth occurred. Clear Creek has grown from a summer school lasting a couple of weeks into a four-year college. Graduates serve all over the United States, and some serve internationally.

"However, one thing has remained constant through the presidencies of four men, and every indication is that it will hold true under the leadership of the fifth: the Word of God, the Holy Bible, is placed at the center of all that is done. And while Clear Creek has changed, it has never ceased to be a place where adults could gain a Christian education for Christian service."