

The Mountain Voice

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

FALL EDITION
2025





UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 23

PREVIEW DAY

NOVEMBER 11

KBC 2025 AT FBC COLD SPRING

NOVEMBER 20

TURKEY DAY

NOVEMBER 21

CLEAR CREEK CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 26-28

THANKSGIVING BREAK

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Have you taken a moment to look at your feet lately? I ask this based on Romans 10:15 (CSB): “And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” In this passage, the Apostle Paul references Isaiah 52:7, highlighting the beauty and honor that accompany those who faithfully share the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At Clear Creek, we are not a stagnant educational organization that views ministry from a purely theoretical standpoint. Our faculty, staff, and students are actively engaged in tangible ministry efforts, including preaching, teaching, missions, and counseling, among other gospel-centered activities. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College does not just read and write about ministry; we live it out.

This hands-on approach provides students with the opportunity to learn from individuals who are currently effective in ministry. Many of our students serve as interns with churches and para-church organizations. Clear Creek is unique in that we only offer ministry-oriented degree paths.

For us, ministry training is not just something we do; it is the very core of our mission. We strive to cultivate a passionate attitude towards ministry among our students.

Our hurting and broken world urgently needs the transformative power of the gospel's truth. At Clear Creek, we are grateful for the opportunity to play a vital role in addressing this need by both doing ministry ourselves and training others to do the same. My prayer is that we will all be found with beautiful feet due to our commitment to engage the world with the gospel.

If you know someone who feels called to ministry or simply wants to learn more about the Word of God, please direct them to Clear Creek, the clear choice for theological and ministerial education. Those who are called to the Creek are thoroughly equipped for vibrant ministry and reaching the world for Christ.

Blessings,
Dr. Charlie Goodman

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*And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.*

Romans 10:15

BECAUSE
you GIVE.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Asher Music Building Renovations Complete!

Renovations included:

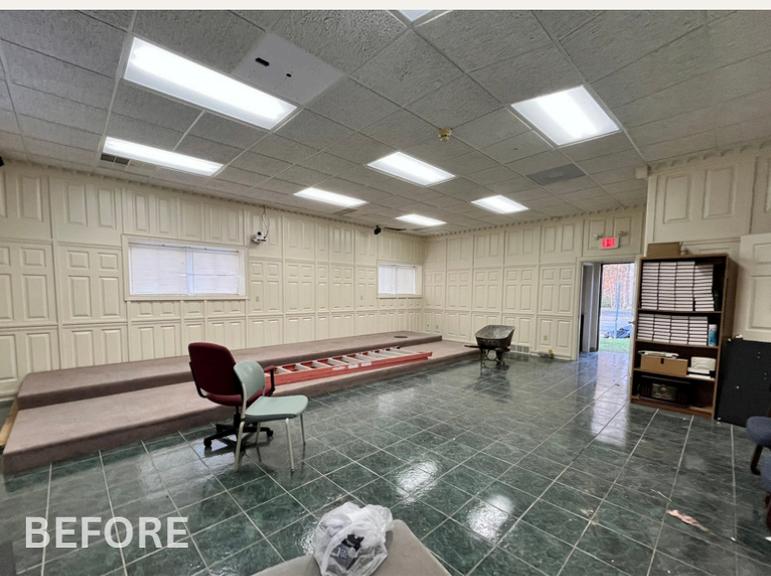
- Fabricating a pitched roof.
- Adding a welcoming front porch with pillars.
- Remodeling the music classrooms to create an ideal environment for worship training and music instruction.



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



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AFTER

REFLECTIONS FROM AN ALUMNI

From the Mountains to the World: Clear Creek's Lasting Impact

By William Dooley, Alumni President 2025-2026

As good a combination of academic rigor and practical application as I have seen, Clear Creek has played an outsized role in my ministry. A member of the first cohort enrolled in the Master of Arts in Ministry, I came to appreciate the personal interest our school's faculty and administration take in students like me.

Founded in 1926, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College has a rich history of preparing those called to Christian ministry. Through the Lord's gracious providence, our school has grown from a "Mountain Preachers School" to a doubly accredited Bible college. While Clear Creek has come to offer several degree options and emphases, including an MA, the institution has intentionally chosen to "stay by the stuff," to be faithful to the Scriptures while preparing God-called individuals to serve the Kingdom.

Knowledge of the past does not hinder our continuing to be relevant into the future; on the contrary, God's accomplishments through Clear Creek in days gone by give us the confidence to press forward, come what may.

In the early 1920s, a pioneer named L.C. Kelly blazed a trail through the Cumberland Mountains to meet the needs of his day by training ministers of the gospel in those same mountains. 100 years later, God is blessing Clear Creek to meet the needs of such a time as this.

The addition of higher-level degrees and the availability of online learning make Clear Creek look different from how it did in 1926. The college's reach is wider than the mountains of Southeastern Kentucky now, but our goal and focus are the same. "Clear Creek exists to provide educational preparation for people called of God into Christian service."

I hope you'll join me for homecoming on July 20-21, 2026, to celebrate Clear Creek's history and to look forward to our legacy as "a Bible college that will be needed as long as the Bible is needed."



William Dooley

THE CLASS OF 2025: CCBBC'S NEWEST ALUMNI!!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Shannon and Mary Benefiel
Class of 2020

2 Timothy 3:16 reminds us that “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” Above all else, my time at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College grounded me firmly in God’s Word. Through that foundation, the Lord has opened doors for me to serve in many different ministry settings.

Currently, I am serving at First Baptist Church Hendersonville in Hendersonville, TN, as the Associate Pastor of Operations. People are moving to the Nashville area in large numbers. Our church has a responsibility to serve those moving from other churches and to share the gospel with those without a relationship with Jesus.

God is allowing me to use years of experience in ministry and business to maximize our resources to share the gospel. As the Operations Pastor, I am responsible for managing

a multi-million-dollar budget, along with ancillary ministries' revenues, including Weekday Early Education, our Family Ministry Center, and our Babb Counseling Center.

Other responsibilities include maintaining our facility, which I see as no less than God’s building, and directing the IT Department. We keep everything ready and running at all times as groups gather throughout the day and evening for fellowship, Bible study, mission projects, training, worship, etc. I like to say I keep the lights on by paying the bill or changing the light bulbs!

One of my favorite parts of my job is our Wilson Hall service. This service is separate from our main sanctuary and requires pastoral leadership. My wife, Mary, and I provide leadership to 250 dads, moms, grandparents, and those who are lost.

I believe God has guided every step of this calling and launched it from a solid Biblical foundation I received from my time at Clear Creek.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I am Abram Crozier, a third-year student at Clear Creek, and I also serve as pastor of Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Falmouth, KY. I’m humbled by how God continues to move in my life and ministry. When I first stepped into leadership at my church in 2019, we were a small congregation of just 20 people. Today, by God’s grace, we’ve celebrated over 260 baptisms, grown to over 330 in weekly attendance, and recently purchased new property to build a new facility that will help us better serve our growing church family.



Abram and Rebecca
Crozier & Family

Clear Creek has played an instrumental role in equipping me not only with biblical knowledge but with the confidence to lead boldly and serve faithfully. Outside the classroom, I’m blessed to serve on the board of directors for New Hope Pregnancy Center and Sunrise Children’s Services. These ministries allow me to advocate for life and care for vulnerable children and families—work that’s deeply close to my heart.

This year, I’ve also taken on the role of co-chair for the Kentucky Baptist Convention’s Hope for Northern Kentucky initiative. It’s an exciting opportunity to help mobilize churches across our region for gospel impact.



Every day I’m reminded that ministry isn’t confined to a pulpit—it’s lived out in real-world situations, community outreach, and everyday conversations. Clear Creek has been a vital part of preparing me for that kind of biblical service.

Looking ahead, I’m excited to keep growing, serving, and pointing others to Christ, and I’m thankful to be part of the Clear Creek Baptist Bible College family.

From 1926 to Today: Faithful To The

1920-1950s

Founder, Dr. Lloyd C. Kelly and his fellow co-laborers purchased the 450 scenic acres of Clear Creek Springs for \$14,000.



The Thrift Store was built. It is currently the oldest building on campus.



Became a recognized educational institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Rev. Dennis M. Aldridge inaugurated as second President.

1923

1926

1936

1942

1946

1951

1955

Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School began. Dr. Lloyd C. Kelly became the first President.



Construction was completed on Kelly Hall.



Holly Hill's original 19 cottages were built by 700 volunteers in two days.



1990s-2000s



Received accreditation with SACSCOC.



Dr. Donald S. Fox inaugurated as fifth President.



The Masters degree was launched.

1998

1999

2002

2007

2012

2020

The Bill D. Whittaker Classroom Building was built.



The first online classes were offered.



The Bachelor of Arts degree offered completely online.

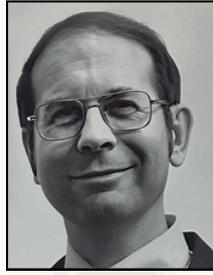


Word, Committed To The Ministry

1970-1980s



The Correll Building was named; this building was built in 1976. The Library was renamed to the Carolyn Boatman Brooks Library in 1992.



Received accreditation with ABHE; Named changed to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Four-year degree offered.



The Dudley Thomas and Jean Asher Pomeroy Family Life Center was opened.

1976

1981

1982

1987

1988

1988

Alumni Hall completed. Renamed Melzoni Alumni Hall in 2013.



Dr. Leon D. Simpson inaugurated as third President.



Dr. Bill D. Whittaker inaugurated as fourth President.



New degree tracks released: Biblical Counseling, Church Planting, Ministry, Pastoral Ministry (reestablished), & Worship and Music Ministry.



New tracks were released: Biblical Studies and Christian Apologetics.

2023

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2024

2024

Dr. Charles R. Goodman inaugurated as sixth President.



Chapel renovation completed.



Your story is part of Clear Creek's 100-year legacy. Please share your favorite Clear Creek memory with us!



tinyurl.com/ccbbcmemory

THE POWER OF ALUMNI

You Are Growing Clear Creek's Legacy



By Thomas Schnitzler, Director of Admissions

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Clear Creek's founding, we find ourselves at an exciting moment in the life of our school. The student body of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College is growing, and we give thanks to God for His continued favor.

Over the last three semesters, we have seen tremendous growth. *From the Fall of 2024 to the Fall of 2025, 210 students have been admitted to Clear Creek!* As an alumnus myself, I recognize the life-changing impact this college has had on my own walk with Christ and in ministry.

We continue to pray that the Lord will grow our beloved school. In this day and age, we need more men and women who are called by God to serve in ministry, and what better place to prepare for Gospel ministry than Clear Creek?

One encouraging trend we've observed is the powerful role our alumni play in this growth. Nearly 80% of students admitted to Clear Creek were influenced by an alumnus. You are a vital part of our recruitment efforts!

Thank you for your ongoing kingdom impact. Together, we are helping the next generation of God-called servants answer His call. It is my desire to partner with you as we reach more men and women whom God is calling to ministry. If someone comes to mind, I encourage you to tell them about Clear Creek and see how God might use you to guide them toward their training for ministry.

Students pictured here are at Clear Creek today because an alumnus shared their experience and encouraged them to come.





FROM YOUR STORY TO THEIRS:
SHOW THEM WHERE GOD CHANGED YOUR LIFE.

I always enjoy when a prospective student visits campus. Each time, I find myself walking down memory lane, remembering how God's hand was at work in my life through the people, the prayers, and the training I received here. I love sharing how special this place is and how the faculty and staff made a lasting impact on me.

I often tell students how God provided for my needs when I didn't see a way forward and how He used my time at Clear Creek to shape me into the person I am today. My life and ministry are a direct result of what God did in me on this campus.

If you know someone whom God is calling into Gospel ministry, I'd love for you to join me in bringing them to campus for a visit. There's no better way to show them what Clear Creek is all about than to walk these grounds together and share the story of how God changed your life here. I'd be honored to help schedule your visit and talk about all that God continues to do at the college.

Partnering together for the ministry preparation,
Thomas Schnitzler
Director of Admissions



tinyurl.com/CCBBC-Visit

LET US HELP YOU SCHEDULE A VISIT FOR THE
NEXT GENERATION OF MINISTRY LEADERS.





**Shop Campus Favorites!
Books, Apparel, Coffee, and More – Get Yours Today!**

DYK?

Each online purchase goes straight back to helping the students at Clear Creek. Whether you buy a bag of coffee, apparel, or even a sticker, each purchase is put back into the school.



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MINISTER'S RETREAT HOUSING

A Special Invitation to Clear Creek Alumni

Needing a Break?
Find Rest and Renewal.

We invite you to take a step away from the busyness of life and enjoy a peaceful, refreshing stay in one of our recently renovated Minister's Retreat houses.

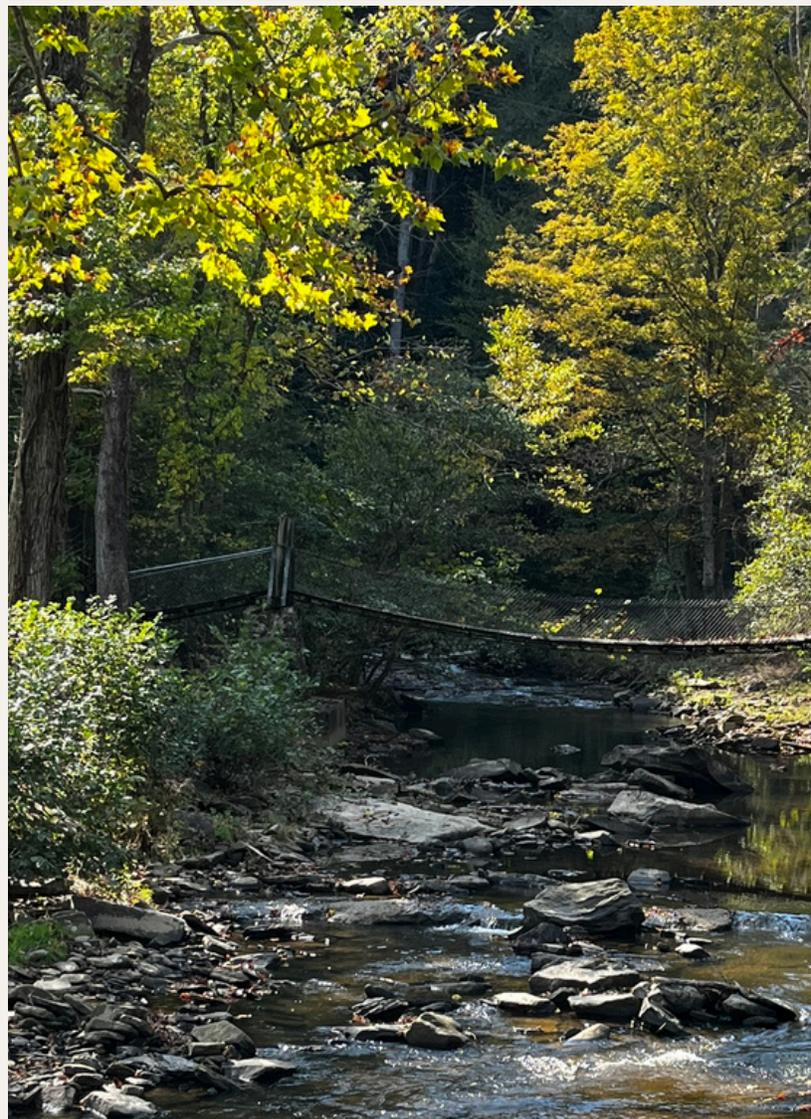
Nestled within the beautifully wooded campus of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, this retreat offers a quiet, restful space to renew your spirit and deepen your walk with Christ.

Availability: Year-round, except during Campus Breaks (Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer).

Come and experience renewal in a place of peace.

More information here:

[ccbhc.edu/alumni/
ministers-retreat-house](http://ccbhc.edu/alumni/ministers-retreat-house)





ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2025





ADVANCING THE MISSION

Join us in equipping
tomorrow's church leaders, today.

Three Ways To Give

1

MAIL a check or other form of payment to:
Development Office c/o
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
300 Clear Creek Rd.
Pineville, KY 40977

2

ONLINE with a credit or debit card.
CCBBC.EDU/PARTNER

3

PHONE - Call toll-free at 866-337-3196

Your gift in furthering our mission is deeply treasured. We are honored to have your support and look forward to working together toward our shared goal in kingdom work.



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