

The Mountain Voice

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

**SUMMER EDITION
2024**



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10-12

CAMPUS FALL REVIVAL

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4

FALL BREAK

OCTOBER 15

TRUSTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 24 AND 25

PREVIEW DAY

NOVEMBER 12

KBC 2024 AT FBC PADUCAH

NOVEMBER 21

TURKEY DAY

NOVEMBER 22

CLEAR CREEK CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 27-29

THANKSGIVING BREAK



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

It is with great joy that I share the exciting news of our Lord's work and movement at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. We are blessed to have concluded our first semester in the newly renovated chapel in May, which is a testament to our growth and progress. We are currently celebrating our largest student body in the last twelve years, a clear indication of the success and impact of our ministry.

Moreover, we are on track for another record-breaking incoming class this fall. In reality, by practically any metric, Clear Creek is thriving and making a significant difference in the lives of our students and the community.

Our faculty, staff, and students are wrapping up a busy season that includes a plethora of gospel-focused ministry endeavors, including camps, revivals, mission trips, VBS, and more. At Clear Creek, we are proud to be Biblical, Missional, and Practical.

We aim to produce biblical scholars who are practitioners in authentic gospel-centric ministry settings. We celebrate that this past academic year, our students were involved in 2,602 opportunities to share the gospel, which resulted in 297 professions of faith, 281 baptisms, and 66 rededications.

I invite you to be an even more significant part of what God is doing at Clear Creek. You can do this through your prayers and by investing your time, talents, and treasures in this worthy ministry in which God is moving so mightily.

Many Blessings,
Dr. Charlie R. Goodman



CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

As we enter a new semester at Clear Creek, we cannot help but be excited about the completion of several renovation and remodeling projects on campus! Through the blessing of the Lord's visionary guidance by our President, Dr. Charlie Goodman, the effort of our staff, and the generosity of our ministry partners, the seeds of renovation have bloomed into the blessing of beautification of our chapel, Welcome Center, freshly painted and branded hallways, and the Matthew Black Camps and Conference Center.

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful for your partnership with us as God continues to move on the campus of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Your financial gifts, skilled work groups, and prayers have been instrumental in our progress, and we look forward to your continued support. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

LOOKING AHEAD

We praise the Lord for His continued blessing and favor upon our school and look forward to His plans for the future! Plans are already underway to bring a state-of-the-art learning experience to the classroom for our campus and online students. Faculty and staff offices will be renovated to enhance the work environment for our employees, students, and guests.

Jared Styles
Dean of Administrative Affairs



REFLECTIONS FROM AN ALUMNI

**HIS GENEROSITY OF TIME AND
ADVICE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED
ME TO STRIVE TO BECOME
MORE LIKE JESUS CHRIST.**

God is blessing the Clear Creek campus in many fantastic ways. The greatest blessing is that Clear Creek is saturated with the Holy Spirit. If you had the same experience I had when I visited campus for the first time, you no doubt sense the power of the Holy Spirit.

I began undergraduate courses in the Fall of 2015. A fond memory as an undergraduate student was praying in the prayer chapel. The serene view of the rocks and the creek while looking out the windows made it a special place to pray. There, I was able to get away from all of the busyness of life to get alone with God. In this quiet place with God, He did unbelievable and remarkable things in my life.

Another cherished memory is riding with Dr. Charlie Goodman in his truck while accompanying him as he preached revivals throughout Southeastern Kentucky. Dr. Goodman's generosity and advice about pastoral ministry and life in general always encouraged me to strive to become more like the Lord Jesus Christ.

Like many others who have come to Clear Creek, I met my beautiful bride, Rachel, on campus. It was not a "ring by Spring" ordeal; however, the Lord, over the course of six years, was working out His marvelous plan for us to spend the rest of our lives together. I am eternally grateful for how the Lord used Clear Creek to bring Rachel and me together.

For 98 years, Clear Creek has provided top-notch biblical education for adults called of God into Christian service. A vast number of individuals have been trained and sent out from Clear Creek to various places all across the world. The unwavering dedication to the inerrancy, infallibility, and immutability of the Word of God is why Clear Creek is the clear choice for Christian education.

Ryan Chapman,
Alumni President 2023-2024



ALUMNI NEWS & HOMECOMING

In June, I stepped into my new role as the Admissions and Alumni Relations Coordinator in the College Relations Department. Serving under Dr. Michael DeLand's leadership for over three years and working with so many of our outstanding faculty and staff, I've learned firsthand the importance of forming relationships with our Alumni and seeing your love pour out for our great institution.

Since my time here at Clear Creek began, I have had the honor of meeting many of you and hearing your testimonies, stories, and experiences of how the Lord used you and blessed you during your time at the college. In my current role, I also work alongside Admissions to help those called by God to obtain a Christian education here at Clear Creek. Because many of our prospective students choose Clear Creek through the influence of our Alumni, I am always eager to share your experiences with those students.

To finish up the month of July, we welcomed Alumni back onto campus for two great days of preaching, fun, and fellowship. It is always a blessing to reconnect with old friends, colleagues, and people I have met along the way at conventions. It is always good to put a face with many of you whom I have only had the pleasure of speaking with by phone.

At Clear Creek, we deeply cherish our friends and alumni. It's a privilege for us to continue being a part of your ministry. If there's anything I can assist you with, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to serve you, our beloved Alumni community and I look forward to our continued journey together.

Scott Partin

Admissions and Alumni Relations Coordinator



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Tanner McDowell
Class of 2023

I take great pride in being an alumnus of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. During my time there, I was poured into by Godly men who were not just professors but also preachers. Most of my professors served the local church in some capacity, whether as Pastors, Associate Pastors, Worship Pastors, or Sunday School teachers.

The professors at Clear Creek made it evident that they were practitioners in what they were teaching. They always put their students first, ensuring no question was left unanswered. They made time both during the day and late into the evening to pour into students' lives, mentoring and disciplining us as we grew into the calling God had placed on us.

**“CLEAR CREEK WILL FOREVER HAVE A LASTING
IMPACT ON MY MINISTRY AND LIFE.”**

My time at Clear Creek was a blessing not only because of the professors but also because of the many friendships I made. There is a unique sense of comradery between students at Clear Creek because they have wholeheartedly surrendered to their call and come to the college to prepare and grow in that call. This leads to the students being able to help each other grow, to do life together, and to encourage one another.

The friendships I made while at The Creek are still ongoing, and I know they will last into the future. All in all, I count my time at Clear Creek as one of the biggest blessings I have received from the Lord outside of my salvation, wife, soon-to-be-born daughter, and family. Clear Creek is and always will be the clear choice for anyone God has called into Christian ministry. Fulltime or bi-vocational ministers can benefit from the Biblical, missional, and practical education offered at Clear Creek.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jordan Belcher

I am a 22-year-old Clear Creek Baptist Bible College student. My most significant academic and ministry experience has been at Clear Creek. I dreamt of attending Liberty University and achieved that goal, enrolling for two semesters. However, with a freshman class of about 13,000 students and my large friend group, I quickly became distracted by the activities and entertainment opportunities that can be available at a large liberal arts university, which led me to lose sight of my calling. Toward the end of my second semester, I realized how overwhelmed I was and how it affected my academics and ministry.

Since coming to Clear Creek, my life has changed dramatically. From my first semester, the Lord has filled my life with some of the wisest people I have ever met and has worked mightily to sanctify me. Clear Creek has been like a fresh start, akin to the prodigal son returning home to his father. The classes at Clear Creek contain the best content I have ever experienced. They provide a deep-head knowledge of the Scriptures and include material that brings a man of God to his knees in conviction and thanksgiving. The professors go above and beyond in creating an environment of learning and discipleship, which is essential for every aspiring minister.

**“I LOVE WHERE GOD HAS BROUGHT ME. I
HAVE BEEN REINTRODUCED TO MY CALLING
AS I PURSUE PASTORAL MINISTRY.”**

I love where God has brought me. I have been reintroduced to my calling as I pursue pastoral ministry. I have also met the most wonderful people in the world at Clear Creek. I am now in a peaceful place where I can do what I love while pouring into my family and friends. The Lord has made it clear that I belong at Clear Creek and should pursue ministry in the surrounding areas. I praise God for my family, relationships, college, and life experiences. They have been instruments of God to providentially place me exactly where I need to be.



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PREVIEW DAY

October 24th-25th

ccbbc.edu/admissions/previewday

REFER A STUDENT

WE WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR ALUMNI CONNECTIONS, AND OUR PLAN INCLUDES YOU! WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO PROACTIVELY SEEK NEW STUDENTS.

Creek Baptist Bible College is nearing its 100th anniversary—100 years of rich history preparing God-called men and women for every facet of Gospel Ministry. A large part of that history has to do with our alumni. You, alumnus, are our biggest cheerleaders and champions in the world.

Based upon our admissions numbers for the 2023 school year, over 80% of our students heard of Clear Creek from a friend, pastor, or an alumnus. Of that 80%, most are from alumni connections. That means you, Clear Creek alums, are our best tool for recruiting new students.

We want to make the most of our alumni connections, and our plan includes you! We want to partner with you to proactively seek new students. Here is how:

- ➔ Take a moment and prayerfully think of a person(s) who is either wrestling with God's call or whom you personally see God working in their life. Write down their name(s).
- ➔ Refer the person to us by accessing the "Refer a Student" tab on the Clear Creek website or scanning the QR Code below. From there, we will contact the prospective student(s) about the potential of God's call on their life for ministry and the possibility of becoming a student at Clear Creek.

To thank you if the student you referred matriculates, we want to gift you a handcrafted Clear Creek mug and a bag of coffee!



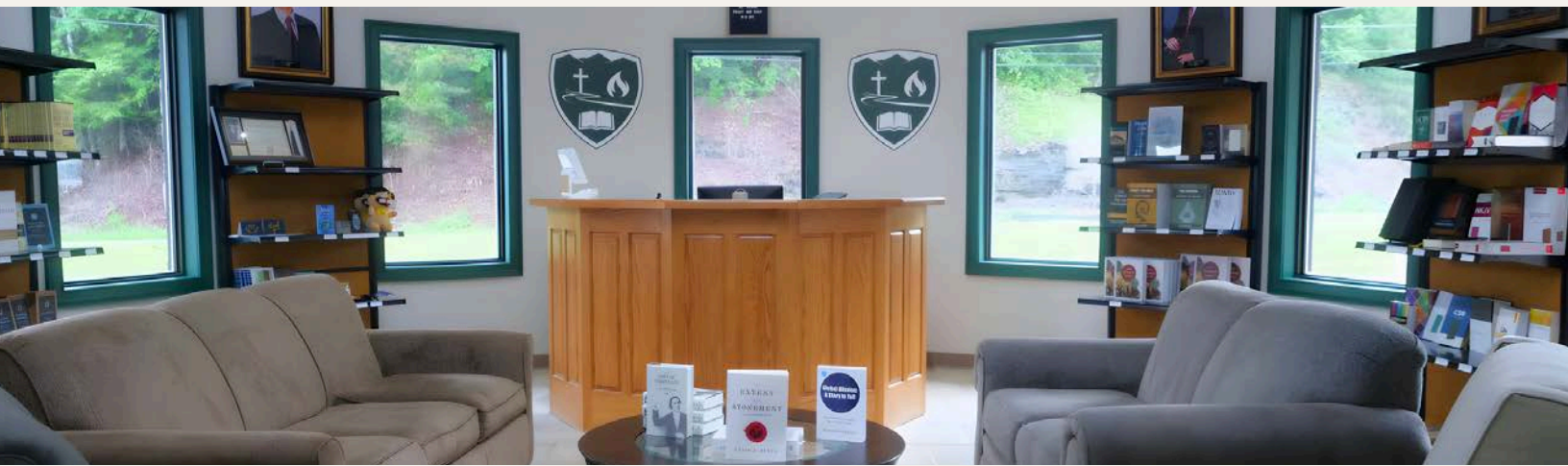
Refer a student today!

Thank you for your love and support of Clear Creek!

Thomas Schnitzler
Director of Admissions



CAMPUS STORE NOW ONLINE



ClearCreekStore.com

The Clear Creek Campus Store moved from the Whitaker Building to the Welcome Center at the beginning of the Spring semester. With new paint, new books and merchandise shelves, new furniture, and a new coffee machine, the Welcome Center looks different! Its new look is welcoming for students and visitors.

With the transition of the Campus Store, Clear Creek has introduced the online campus store, making it easier than ever to purchase Clear Creek branded merchandise. Now, you can buy shirts, hoodies, hats, stickers, and even Clear Creek coffee from the comfort of your home or on the go!

Our two coffee blends are not just any blends! Our Breakfast Blend is a great-tasting, mellow blend of Central and South American coffees, which is also available in decaf. Our Mountain Blend coffee is popular, with fresh Georgia pecans mixed in for added flavor. This blend rivals your grandmother's wonderful pecan pie.

Each online purchase goes straight back to helping the students at Clear Creek. Whether you buy a bag of coffee, a t-shirt, or even a sticker, each purchase is put back into the school. You can visit the campus store online at clearcreekstore.com or scan the QR code below.

Thank you for continuing to support Clear Creek!



NEW DEGREE: BIBLICAL STUDIES

The key role of a pastor is to apply the truth of scripture to his congregation.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College has been committed to training pastors for nearly 100 years. Like the Apostle Paul, Clear Creek challenges men called to the pastoral ministry to “study to show yourself approved before God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Beginning in Fall 2024, the college is offering a new degree option that builds on our 97-year tradition of Bible training.

The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree, consisting of 120 hours, is designed to equip students to accurately interpret and apply biblical truth within contemporary life and in their specific ministry context.

In addition to taking thirty-two hours of Bible, students pursuing this degree will be required to take courses like How We Got the Bible, Applied Hermeneutics, Apologetics, and the Bible, as well as Hebrew 1-2 and Greek 1-2. This degree will provide the foundation for a calling to an exegetical Bible ministry or for the individual who plans to earn a post-graduate degree at a seminary.

In addition to the seventy-six hours core of studies (Bible/Theology and General Studies), the new degree consists of eleven hours of required Ministry Studies, eight hours of electives in Ministry Studies, and twenty-five hours of Bible Teaching Studies.

What sets this degree apart from our other ministry degrees is the emphasis in biblical languages, enhanced hermeneutics, and apologetics. It gives the pastor additional guidance in using the tools that enhance the exegetical study of the Scripture, preparing him for that preaching and/or teaching moment with the entire congregation or small group. At the same time, the degree also covers those other areas of pastoral ministry in which pastors regularly engage.

As a co-developer of this new degree, an Old Testament professor for thirty-five years, and forty years as a pastor, I find this degree an exciting addition to Clear Creek’s ministry degrees. Looking into the Bachelor of Arts Biblical Studies is well worth a student’s time, knowing that the faculty and staff of Clear Creek are praying for them as they seek God’s will for their life in His ministry.



Dr. John Ditty
Robert O. Fitts Professor of Old Testament

NEW DEGREE: CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

Defending the faith is a central focus of the Christian faith.

By its very calling, the Christian faith spreads outward toward others, which will inevitably lead to questions. Christians need to be ready to defend the truth when these questions are presented.

This means believers are to present and defend the truth God has revealed. God has revealed Himself in a general and special way (Psalm 19); therefore, believers should be ready to speak on issues such as creation, God's existence, the nature of humanity, morality, sin, truth, ethics, evil, God's standard, the Bible, the deity of Christ, miracles, the resurrection, and salvation in Christ alone. It is the responsibility of all believers to guard the truth God has revealed. It cannot be given to anyone else.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College wants to help prepare men and women to defend the truth, and we have developed a new degree program to provide such instruction—the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Apologetics. The new degree program will also help prepare pastors to deal with issues from the pulpit. These men will sometimes have to engage in apologetics with the people sitting in the pews.

This degree will benefit even those who desire to better engage the culture with the gospel. Those who enroll in the degree will take forty-four hours in Bible and theology, seventeen hours in ministry studies, thirty-two hours of general studies, six elective hours, and twenty-one hours in apologetics.

Each course seeks to present a defense from a biblical worldview and framework. Apologetics begins with an understanding of the call that all believers have from the Lord to defend the faith. No defense is complete unless it is guided by Scripture and the conviction and drawing of the Holy Spirit.



Dr. Dustin Sims
Part-time Professor of General Studies

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MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

COMPETENCY-BASED PROGRAM

36 CREDIT HOURS

THREE SEMESTERS

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tomorrow's church leaders, today.

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are honored to have your support and look forward to
working together toward our shared goal in kingdom work.



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