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***“Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God.***

Charles Finney



Man Praying - Van Gogh

# The Scarlet Thread

## The President's Perspective

The joy, thrill and adventure of learning, in days gone by, predominately took place in the classroom. An exceptional teacher would prepare a creative and fun atmosphere of learning, as they instructed their pupils on subjects they had been trained in themselves.

Today, one's learning experience could be academically and inspirationally fulfilled off-campus, in the privacy of your own home, as much as it could in a traditional classroom setting.

Studying off-campus has numerous advantages over a traditional on-campus classroom environment. Students do not have to move to a new town,

drive to class, nor adjust their work schedules. Students with families do not have to uproot their families to attend school for just a few years. Students could remain in their local churches and continue to serve the Lord as they study and prepare for new ministry opportunities.

This is where Clarksville assists our students, as they pursue a degree in Theology or Religious Education. As students pursue an off-campus college degree with Clarksville, we are committed to standing by our School Motto, "Preparing His Servants to Serve." Clarksville's curriculums and courses are uniquely crafted to deliver students an experience

they would not receive in a lecture hall.

It is Clarksville's desire to engage the mind's of our student, to study the courses which will help them discover God's will for their lives and strengthen their faith and knowledge of the Word of God. It is our desire to give each of our students a strong sense of accomplishment when they graduate from one of our Degree Programs.

Give Clarksville a call today and start this marvelous journey of biblical studies arranged just for you.

Begin your studies today by calling 919-553-6774.

Dr. Charles R. Ennis

## Do You Really Want Revival?

Do you remember the days when a person was under such conviction that they would come to the altar, even before an invitation was given? Remember the shouts of God's children, during the church services, as they lifted up praises to God? Remember the precious tears that were shed, in joy and sorrow!

### *What has changed in our churches?*

The change has not been God, for He changeth not. The change that has occurred is in His children, in us, for we have moved from His Holy presence and drawn closer to the world!

Throughout the congregations of Bible believing churches, the prayer is often heard, "Lord send revival."

Revival first begins within a single Christian's heart and then spreads to others. To have a personal revival within your own heart, a self examination must occur. This examination is personal, private (between you and God), and could be painful, as hidden recesses and strongholds are opened. The primary mission of this examination is to search out sin, and those weights that are holding you down.

Do you really want revival? Do you want to experience the joy of the Lord again in your heart and life? Do you want to see your church get on fire for the Lord again?

**It begins with the person you see in the mirror everyday!**

Look into the mirror and ask yourself, what are you going to do? Are you going to seek to draw closer to the Lord or are you going to continue to let the things of the world dominate your life?

***Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. - James 4:8***

## Investing in the lives of others



### Recommended Books:

- ◆ Understanding and Applying the Bible - Robertson McQuilkin
- ◆ Portraits of Christ in Genesis - M. R. DeHaan
- ◆ Lectures to my Students - Charles H. Spurgeon



*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*  
*Galatians 5:1*



## Investing in Eternity - Part 4

### The Clarksville Library Fund

As we continue our series, Investing in Eternity, this quarter's focus is on the Clarksville Library Fund.

### What is the Clarksville Library Fund and how is it utilized?

The Clarksville Library Fund was established to assist with the continual growth of the resources and publications available to our students.

In this digital age, many would say that books are an old fashion, antiquated method of research, and a resource rarely utilized by today's students. The Administrative Staff of Clarksville agree that computers, the internet, and technology provide an almost effortless answer at the fingertips of a researcher; however, from what biblical viewpoint would the answer be and at what cost could this have doctrinally to the student. Students who are dependent on the internet, lose something that those who came

before the internet understood. To be a successful student requires devotion, effort, time, and work. The sense of accomplishment that comes from putting the proper time and effort into studying and the knowledge that is gained from reading and digging through volumes of books to find an answer cannot be found from an internet search.

Call us old fashion, but Clarksville still requires our students to be readers. Each course at Clarksville has a primary textbook and several courses have supplemental textbooks. In addition to reading the textbooks to complete course assignments, students must also complete research projects which require more in-depth study.

Clarksville's Library is a valuable resource for our current students and as we continue to expand our on-campus course offerings, the need will grow expeditiously. Presently the Library has under 1,000 volumes in various

categories ranging from studies on the lives of Christian men and women, Creation, the Christian Home and Family, Commentaries on specific books of the Bible, Doctrine, Prophecy, and Object Lessons & Sermons.

Our prayer is that the Lord would use His people to help build up the Library of Clarksville to be a resource and place for academic stimulation and spiritual growth.

Preachers and Christians do you have books that you would be willing to donate to the Clarksville Library?

Authors, Bookstores and Publishers could you donate a set of books to the Clarksville Library?

Christians would you prayerfully consider donating a monetary gift to the Clarksville Library for the purchase of Christ honoring books.

**Call Clarksville today with your gift to the Library Fund**

Contact us at 919.553.6774

## Something to Shout About

Christian, why are you walking through life downcast and discouraged? Have you allowed fear and frustration to rule your days? Don't give the devil and the world the victory over your countenance and attitude!

All of God's children will experience difficult days from time to time, but that does not mean that we are to allow circumstances to dictate our demeanor.

We have an advantage over the world; we have something to shout about, even during the difficult times. Let us remind you of a few:

- \* Our shackles of sin have been broken
- \* We have received forgiveness
- \* Our sins have been cast into the depths of the sea
- \* We have a home in Heaven waiting our arrival
- \* We have been saved from the wrath of God

- \* We will live for eternity with our Saviour, Jesus Christ
- \* We have the Holy Spirit of God to guide and direct our steps
- \* We have the inspired, inerrant Word of God to read and study
- \* We have the blessings and promises of God
- \* We have already won the Victory, over this world, by the work of Jesus Christ

*We all have something to shout about, So Shout!*

*Read Psalm 5:11-12*

**Clarksville Profile: Philippines, Southeast Asia**

Students, Alumni and Friends of Clarksville, allow us to introduce the home of a few of our Alumni and Students; the Philippines, located in Southeast Asia.

The Philippines are considered an archipelago which is made up of 7,100 islands. This country is located in the Pacific Ocean and is bordered on the east by the Philippine Sea and on the west by the South China Sea. The Philippines are located south of Japan and east of Vietnam and the landmass of the Philippines is

slightly larger than the state of Arizona. The Philippines have an



estimated population of 108 million persons. The official languages of the Philippines are Filipino (Tagalog) and English, with several other dialects spoken throughout the

country. The primary religions of the Philippines are Roman Catholic, Evangelical, and Islam; with other eastern religions and cults present as well.

Clarksville’s students and alumni, which are located in the Philippines, are national Filipino men that have been called by God to preach and teach the Word of God to their people. The country is open to the Gospel and the fields are ripe unto the harvest. These men are being greatly used by God to reach the people of the Philippines. Please pray for these students, as they take the Gospel to the people of the Philippines.

**Biblical Foundations Certificate Program**

Clarksville is excited to introduce a new academic program of biblical study for those interested in an off-campus course of study. The Biblical Foundations Certificate program is a self-paced, off-campus, foundational study of the Word of God. There are four courses in this certificate program and each course builds on the last as you journey through the Bible.

Students that satisfactorily complete the requirements of this certificate program will earn a Biblical Foundations Certificate from Clarksville School of the Bible and 12 credit hours. The 12 credit hours are transferrable to the Associate Degree programs of Clarksville Theological College. This certificate program is open to students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades as well as to adults of all ages. Sign up today!

**Meat From the Master’s Table**

In Luke 9:51 the Word of God reveals to us a specific point in Jesus’ earthly ministry, a set time!

*“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.”*

Jesus Christ at this point closes out His ministry in Galilee and begins the last stage of His earthly ministry. A journey toward Jerusalem but also a:

- Journey toward suffering
- Journey toward rejection
- Journey toward Calvary
- Journey toward the redemption of man
- Journey toward fulfilling the Law and Will of the Father

During the next several months, Jesus was on a journey to Jerusalem. This journey would be filled with divine appointments along the way. Through these divine appointments, lessons would be taught not only for the persons present with Jesus but for all of mankind. When we read the inspired accounts which are recorded for us, in God’s Word, we too can learn from the lessons of Jesus.

One such lesson is found in Luke 12:13-21. Jesus had been warning a multitude of people to beware of the hypocrisy and teachings of the Pharisees, when He was interrupted by one in the crowd. This individual, who had been listening to the

teachings of Jesus, interjects a request to Jesus. The request by this man, was for Jesus to get involved in the legal dispute between he and his brother. This individual wanted Jesus to assist him with a temporal, selfish desire.

*“How many hearers of the Gospel are just like this man? How many are consistently planning and scheming about the things of time, even under the very sound of the things of eternity?” - J.C. Ryle*

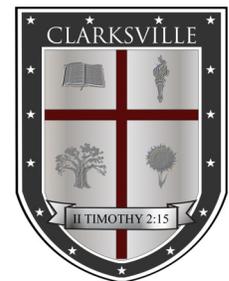
**Unfortunately, this mindset is prevalent in our society and churches!**

In these verses, Jesus warns against covetousness, exposes the wastefulness of worldly mindedness, and provides the wisdom of contentment.

*Take Heed and Beware*



Philippines



**Clarksville School of the Bible**

**Fall Semester**

- \* Survey of the New Testament I
- \* Religions of the World
- \* Doctrines of the Bible I

**Semester Dates**

Sept. 12 - Dec. 5, 2016  
(13 weeks - one night a week)  
Monday Evenings

# Clarksville's Quarterly Newsletter - *The Scarlet Thread*

## LOOK FOR US

- \* *Pressing Toward the Mark* - Weekly Radio Broadcast heard on WHPY 1590 AM or at [www.whpyradio.com](http://www.whpyradio.com) each Thursday at 11:30 am EST
- \* *The Scarlet Thread* - Clarksville's quarterly newsletter sent to Students, Alumni, and Friends of the College
- \* OurClarksville.com - The official website of Clarksville Theological College & Seminary - [www.ourclarksville.com](http://www.ourclarksville.com)

## CONTACT US

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## Be a Student of the Word



*Study to shew  
thyself approved  
unto God, a  
workman that  
needeth not to be  
ashamed, rightly  
dividing the word  
of truth.*

II Timothy 2:15



**Are you a student of the Word of God?**

**If God distributed report cards, to His children, based on their studious nature toward His Word; what would your grade be?**

Whether you are a babe in Christ or a senior saint; we are all commanded to be students of God's Word.

*"How can I be a student of the Word?"*

Every believer, those who have placed their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, should spend time in God's Word daily. The Word of God is a Christian's Supreme and Final Authority in faith and practice.

*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God,*

*and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. - II Timothy 3:15-17*

Another step that a believer may take beyond their daily devotions, would be to enroll in an organized and structured study of the Word of God.

Clarksville offers several choices and levels of study, for a person to choose from. The choices range from on-campus Instructor led courses, to off-campus self-paced study courses.

Clarksville School of the Bible offers two certificate programs for students to choose from.

*Biblical Foundations Certificate*

*Biblical Studies Certificate*

These certificate programs have no academic prerequisites and are open to high school

students in the 10th - 12th grades and to adults of all ages. The School of the Bible certificate programs are designed to assist students in building a strong Bible foundation for their Christian lives, home and family.

Clarksville also offers degree programs for interested students, which desire a deeper study of the Word of God. The degree programs have academic prerequisites depending on the level of study a student is interested in. Clarksville's degree programs and curriculums are approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and we are pleased to offer degrees in the Associate, Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate degree levels of study.

**Call today for more information!**

