

Summer 2017

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"Jesus Christ is not only our Saviour, but He is also our sustenance in the Christian life."

Dr. Charles R. Ennis



"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

Christopher Columbus

The Scarlet Thread

The President's Perspective

I **Corinthians 2:14** states; *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*

Let us draw your attention to one of the key words from the above mentioned verse, the word "discerned." There is a fundamental emphasis placed upon this word due to the high priority that it has in a Christian's life.

Discerned or discernment is defined as "the acts of or instance of discerning."

Today the average person thinks that if they can solve any type of problem in this life, surely they can apprehend Divine Truth with the same skill.

However, man's intelligence has no value in understanding the things of God. Man cannot comprehend the truth and spiritual meaning of the Word of God without spiritual discernment. Spiritual discernment has no value without the Holy Spirit of God providing spiritual understanding to what has already been inspired in God's Holy Word. The day a person accepts Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit comes to reside within that person.

The Holy Spirit helps the child of God:

1. To discern the truth - I Cor. 2:14
2. To discern the times - Matt. 16:31
3. To discern the Spirit - I Cor. 12:10
4. To discern good & evil - Heb. 5:12-14

We are living in one of the worst times of deception in human history. Our moment in time is characterized by a time of a false gospel, false preachers, false leaders, and false witnesses. All these things lead to self-justification rather than self-judgment.

We believe that the antidote against these counterfeits is a good dose of God's old fashion biblical truth. This is why Clarksville is dedicated to helping students have a biblical foundation and spiritual discernment for their lives.

Give us a call today and become part of the growing Clarksville family.

Dr. Charles R. Ennis

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

The staff of Clarksville extend our congratulations to the Class of 2017. Great job to one and all!

Clarksville held their 2017 Commencement Exercises on Thursday, April 20th, with 15 candidates for graduation. This was the first graduating class of the newly established Clarksville School of the Bible, with 14 graduates. We also had 1 graduate receiving the Master of Theology Degree, from the Clarksville Theological Seminary Extended Studies Campus in attendance from Victoria, Australia.

[Bonza job Kyle!](#)

The Class of 2017 challenges you to

enroll in the Clarksville School of the Bible Certificate Programs or in the Clarksville Theological College & Seminary Degree

Programs, to further your academic studies.

Preparing His Servants to Serve



Top to Bottom (L to R) Todd Leonard, Noah Stancil, Wesley Stancil, Alvin Wright, Nick Stancil, Gregory Smith, Maurice Beasley, Mary-Sydney Money, Teresa Byrd, Kyle Sutton, Pamela Phillips, Constance Leonard, Cassidy Leonard, Peggy Phillips, Abigail Langdon

Investing in the lives of others



Recommended Books:

- ◆ Sketches of Jewish Social Life - Alfred Edersheim
- ◆ Notes on the Book of Exodus - C.H. MacKintosh
- ◆ The Lord Gave the Word - Malcolm H. Watts



Clarksville Theological College

Fall Semester

- * **American Literature**
(1600 to 1865)
The literature of Colonial American to the end of the American Civil War

Semester Dates

Aug. 21 - Dec. 11, 2017
(15 weeks - one night a week)
Monday Evenings

The Jude 22 Fund

We would like to introduce you to a new two-fold opportunity of investing in the lives of our students and the improvements of our classrooms. This new opportunity has been named the

Jude 22 Fund

in reference to the Bible passage found in Jude 22;

And of some have compassion, making a difference

This fund was developed to allow our Alumni and Friends a two-fold opportunity to invest in the lives of our students which are in need of financial assistance, and to improve our classroom settings.

Students of Clarksville, are currently serving the Lord in positions of ministry in their local churches or they are preparing to serve Him other capacities. Our students are from communities just like yours, from all around the globe.

The first opportunity, of the Jude 22 Fund, is helping students in

need, with the financial cost of receiving a biblical education. Additionally, this new fund offers a second opportunity of investing in the lives of our students. As we



continue to grow our on-campus course offerings, the needs of our Education Facilities increase. Currently we are in need of financial assistance to purchase additional desks and chairs for our students, tables for the student breakroom, and additional technology improvements for two classrooms.

The Jude 22 Fund has been developed with 4 levels of giving. Each level of giving increases the

size of the gift to Clarksville and will be a blessing to the current and future students of Clarksville Theological College & Seminary.

Silver Level

A gift of \$10 to \$20

Pearl Level

\$25 to \$50

Gold Level

\$50 to \$100

Diamond Level

Greater than \$100

Thank you for prayerfully considering investing in eternity, through the Jude 22 Fund. May the Lord continue to bless your faithfulness and service.

Call Clarksville with any questions about the Jude 22 Fund

Gifts should be made out to Clarksville Theological Seminary with Jude 22 in the notes section

A Student's Perspective

Greetings Dear Friends,

This past April, several others and myself completed the Clarksville School of the Bible two year Biblical Studies Certificate program. The last two years were truly amazing! We were able to study topics such as, a Survey of the Old and New Testaments, How to Study the Bible, Establishing a Christian Home, an Introduction to Christian Missions and Bible Doctrines, just to name a few. Though it was very challenging and demanding, all the

sacrifices and rewards were unmatched. I had a wonderful group of classmates and well prepared instructors, who taught the Word of God with clarity and truth. It has been a privilege and an answered prayer, to be part of something so special.

This summer we are studying "The Life and Times of David" through a summer module course offered by Clarksville Theological College. I'm so excited to see what God has in store for us. One thing is for sure,

the Spirit of the Lord is present at Clarksville.

I know it is very difficult to find time in our busy schedules and believe me, I truly understand. However, I'm reminded of a quote by Nelson Mandela, "It always seems impossible until its done." More importantly we should remember Matthew 19:26b, "With God all things are possible."

Hope to see you in the next class,

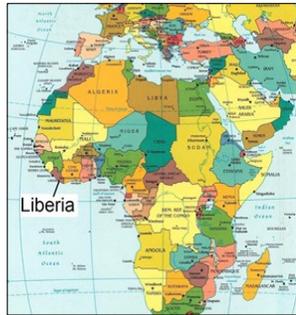
Alvin Wright

Clarksville Profile: Liberia, West Africa

We would like to introduce you to the home of the second largest student population of Clarksville, outside of the United States; the Republic of Liberia, located in West Africa.

The Republic of Liberia is located on the West African coast and is bordered by the countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, and the Ivory Coast. The landmass of Liberia is about equal to the state of Pennsylvania and is characterized by mostly flat to rolling coastal plains that contain mangroves and swamps, which rise to a rolling plateau and low mountains in the northeast. The

2017 estimated population of Liberia is 4.7 million persons.



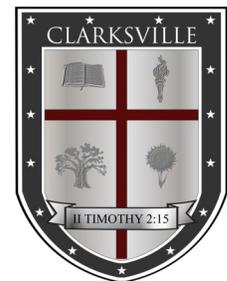
The official language of Liberia is English, with an additional thirty-one indigenous languages or dialects spoken within the country. The religions of Liberia are varied, with the country being

predominately Protestant. A person could find just about any denomination within the country including, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Islam; with other eastern religions and cults present as well.

Our students, which are located in Liberia, are national Liberian 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. Please pray for these students, as they take the Gospel to the people of Liberia.



Liberia



Clarksville School of the Bible

Stay in Touch

As life moves you here, there and over yonder, make sure to keep Clarksville informed of your new Home address, Ministry address, Telephone numbers and Email addresses. This way you can stay informed of all that the Lord is doing on the Campus of Clarksville and through the ministries of our students and alumni. Have a question? Give us a call or send an email to brianmoney@ourclarksville.com.

Clarksville Profile: Dr. David G. Fulp, Sr., Board of Directors

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our newest member of Clarksville Theological Seminary's Board of Directors,

Dr. David G. Fulp, Sr.

Dr. Fulp was born and raised in Forsyth County, North Carolina. (Winston-Salem and Walkertown) He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour on December 11, 1967, in Sunday School at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Walkertown. His Sunday School Teacher, Mr. Bob Walker was used by the Lord to lead Brother Fulp to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, at the

age of 5.

Family: Dr. and Mrs. Fulp have been married for 30 years, and have been blessed with 2 children, and 2 grandchildren.

Education: Dr. Fulp has earned degrees from Liberty University and Clarksville Theological Seminary.

Ministry: The Lord called Dr. Fulp into full time ministry in 1980. He has faithfully served the Lord for 19 years, as the Pastor of Good News Baptist Church in Madison, NC.

Wisdom to Share:

"Learn to work hard and depend on God for everything"



Favorites:

Hymn - A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Book of the Bible - Proverbs

Life Verse: Jeremiah 33:3

Men Who Influenced His Ministry:

Dr. Bobby Roberson and Dr. Jack Hudson

Fondest Ministerial Memory:

The opportunity to preach in the Philippines and 150 received Christ as their personal Saviour. To God be the Glory!

Fall Semester

- * Survey of the Old Testament I
- * Introduction to the Bible
- * How to Teach the Bible to all Ages

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Clarksville's semi-annual Newsletter - *The Scarlet Thread*

LOOK FOR US

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

CONTACT US

Clarksville Theological College & Seminary is located in Clayton, North Carolina, just a short 15 minute drive from Raleigh, North Carolina and close to the I-40 and I-95 interstates.

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How to Stand in the Land of the Enemy

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11

It is very evident from the Scriptures that Paul was a man greatly used by God. Through Paul's years of ministry for the Lord, he experienced the kindness of the brethren and the vileness of the lost. Even though Paul was an experienced preacher of the Gospel and understood the highs and lows of the Christian life, he still required the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit in his life and ministry. Paul had not arrived at a place in his Christian life where he did not need God. If Paul continually needed the Holy Spirit in his life, we too need the Holy Spirit in ours. Paul may have been the human penman of the Epistle to the Church at Ephesus, but he was not the author. God, through

the inspiration of the Holy Spirit provides the instructions needed to understand **How to Stand in the Land of the Enemy**.

The first way we are instructed on how to stand in the land of the enemy is found in Ephesians 6:10; "*be strong in the Lord.*" We are to stand in the strength of the Lord and not in our own strength. We as a society, nation, church and as individuals consistently attempt to stand in our own strength and abilities. During our daily walk with the Lord, we will face difficult tests and temptations, just as Paul did. When we do, we should be placing our trust and dependence in the Lord, to provide us the strength we need to overcome these difficulties but we usually try to do it on our own.

The second way we are instructed on how to stand is

found in verse 11; "*Put on the whole armour of God.*" We are to put on God's armour, not go to the best craftsman we can find and have an exquisite suit of armor made by human hands. We are not to put on a champion's armor nor a king's armor but the Armour of the Lord.

The third way we are instructed on how to stand in the land of the enemy is found in verse 18; "*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.*" We are able to Stand in the Land of the Enemy, by standing through faith, in the Spirit. We are called to a life of faith and we are told four times in the Scriptures, "*The just shall live by faith.*"

If we strive to please the Lord with each step, decision and opportunity we are given, we will find ourselves Standing in the Land of the Enemy.

Stand in the Land of the Enemy - in the strength of the Lord, in the Armour of the Lord, and in the Presence of the Lord!

