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"Nobody ever outgrows the Scriptures; the book widens and deepens with our years."

Charles H. Spurgeon



"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence."

Abigail Adams

The Scarlet Thread

The President's Perspective

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that his great nation was founded, not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." Patrick Henry

Just as God called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees and established the nation of Israel for His purpose and plan. It is undeniable that America was founded and established, on biblical principles, and that God has preserved it as a light to the world, in these last days. Therefore, Christian Americans have an obligation and the right to support and stand for our biblical rights or face the consequences of loss of our liberties.

We live in a disturbed, confused, and bewildered age, with human voices of wisdom and counsel, but

few voices proclaiming God's wisdom and message. We as a people are distressed with our government and their agenda. There is much feverish activity, in the world, but very little thoughtful pursuit of God's will in life. We, as American people, need to stand firm upon our biblical faith, which has inspired this nation from the beginning.

On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" which became our national anthem. Most people only know the first verse, but in the middle of the fourth verse, it reads:

Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just. And this be our motto "In God is our Trust."

In 1956, "In God We Trust" was legally adopted by Congress, as the United States National motto. On June 14, 1954, the phrase "Under God" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance. On March 19, 1981, at the National Day of Prayer, President Ronald Reagan said, "Our nation's motto, 'In God We Trust' was not chosen lightly. It reflects a basic recognition that there is a divine authority, in the universe, to which this nation owes homage."

We, at Clarksville, are helping individuals reflect their God given biblical faith, through the freedom to love, in tolerance and peace, through the motto, "In God We Trust."

Dr. Charles R. Ennis

Clarksville's On-Campus Growth Continues

Here we grow again! Each semester we are truly amazed how the Lord is blessing our on-campus course offerings. As we begin our third year of Monday night classes, the Lord continues to lead students to Clarksville, who have a desire to continue their academic studies with us or to embark on a new journey of learning.

During our Spring semester we have been pleased to offer five unique courses for our students. Our School of the Bible - Biblical Studies Certificate program continued with three courses: Survey of the Old Testament (Job - Malachi), How to

Establish a Christian Home, and an Introduction to Christian Missions. Clarksville's Associate Degree program offered two new courses to our students, during the Spring semester: Analysis of the Book of Ephesians and the History of the Middle Ages.

It is encouraging, each Monday, to see our students arriving excited and eager for their classes to begin. The hallways and classrooms are buzzing with anticipation and joy each Monday night.

We encourage you to drop in one Monday night and see for yourself

the great things the Lord is doing at Clarksville. Our student's enthusiasm is contagious!

As we make plans for the Fall Semester, we are anticipating another passionate group of students. Make plans now to join us in August?

We have a seat just for you!



Investing in the lives of others



Recommended Books:

- Sleeping Spiders, Green Grapefruits, and Empty Cages - Joan Tyson
The Chemistry of the Blood - M.R. DeHaan
The Pilgrim's Progress - John Bunyan



Clarksville Theological College

Fall Semester

- The Epistle to the Philippians
Introduction to Biblical Archaeology

Semester Dates

Aug. 13 - Dec. 10, 2018
(15 weeks - one night a week)
Monday Evenings

The Jude 22 Fund - 2018 Goal

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Jude 22 Fund last year! The Lord used your gifts to bless the lives of many of our students, around the world.

Financial donations for 2017 totaled \$1,743

2018 Financial Goal \$4,500

Will you help us reach this year's goal?

If thirteen churches and/or individuals would make Clarksville's Jude 22 Fund a missionary endeavor of \$30 a month, we would meet our goal in 2018.

Just a dollar a day, for a year

The Jude 22 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

A Student's Perspective

Greetings from Clarksville, I have always desired to attend Bible College, and now as a retiree, I am blessed to continue my education at Clarksville. Last summer I enrolled in the on-campus college course, 'The Life and Times of David.' It was a wonderful study, which not only involved learning more about David's life, but also included fascinating details regarding the cultural significance during that time period. Upon the completion of the summer course, I found

currently preparing to serve the Lord, in positions of ministry in a local church, school or in other capacities. Our students are from communities just like yours, from all around the globe. They have stepped out by faith and are

Jude 22 Fund
And of some have compassion, making a difference.

following the leading of the Holy Spirit of God in preparation for His will for their lives.

The first and primary objective, of the Jude 22 Fund, is helping students in need, with the financial cost of receiving a biblical education. We receive requests on a regular basis for financial assistance with the enrollment, tuition and material costs of attending Clarksville. The majority of these requests are received from citizens of third world countries, who do not have

myself with a renewed interest in the intricacies of the Scriptures. I am now in my second semester of Clarksville's School of the Bible two-year Biblical Studies Certificate program. We have knowledgeable instructors, who care about our understanding of God's Word. Another benefit in attending on-campus classes is being able to meet and fellowship with believers from other churches.

Last semester one of our courses,

the financial means to pay for a Bible College education. Currently we have four prospective students on a waiting list and three current students being supported by the Jude 22 Fund.

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.

Can our students count on you?

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

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

was an 'Introduction to the Bible.' The course concluded with lectures and discussions about why we use the King James Version of the Bible. I have always used the KJV; however, I now can offer more clear explanations because of the instruction and handouts we were given.

Never think you are too old to go to school - you will receive a blessing and revival in your Christian walk!

P. Liles

Clarksville Profile: The United States Prison System

The students that enroll in Clarksville's Extended Studies off-campus degree programs come from various backgrounds, walks of life and communities. Whether our students are from across the ocean or right next door, we are truly blessed to have each and everyone the Lord leads our way. One very special group of individuals, that are often overlooked and written-off are the men and women, that are residents of the United States Prison System. The 2017 Justice Department's statistics of the total correctional population is a staggering 2.3 million persons. According to a recent article by *Newsweek*, the United States has the highest prison population in the world. The article goes on to say that there are more prisons and jails, in the United States,

than colleges and the prison population has more than quadrupled since the early 1980s.



Clarksville was not established to judge any individual, but to *Prepare His Servants to Serve*, no matter their background, ethnicity or location. Clarksville's doors are open to all born again believers, who have a sincere desire to study God's Word.

For there is no respect of persons with God. Romans 2:11

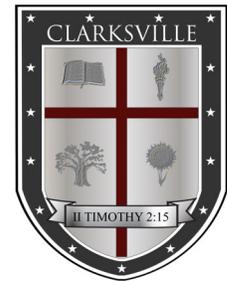
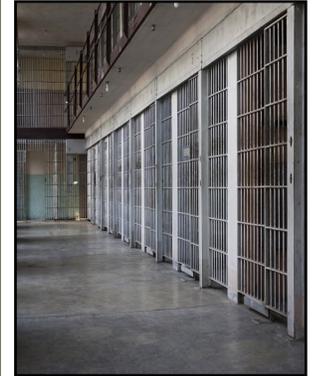
Clarksville has some extremely dedicated students that are studying and serving the Lord,

while incarcerated. One of the many hurdles that these students must overcome, is that they must have a sponsor outside of the Prison System to assist with their school finances. The Lord has used family members, Sunday school classes, churches, and individuals to assist with these student's needs. Currently, we have several requests from incarcerated individuals that would like to enroll at Clarksville who do not have a sponsor. These individuals have provided a clear testimony of their salvation and a desire to study God's Word.

Would you prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor?

Would your Sunday school class become a sponsor?

Let us hear from you today!
919-553-6774



Clarksville School of the Bible

Clarksville Day 2018

Students, Alumni and Friends of Clarksville; we have moved our annual Clarksville Day to May. Mark your calendars for the 2018 Clarksville Day scheduled for Friday, May 4th from 10:30am - 1:00pm.

We will begin at 10:30am with a time of fellowship, followed by a delicious meal. The day will continue with our annual student and alumni meeting, with a full agenda. Topics to be discussed include:

- ◆ Year in review
- ◆ Goals for the new year

- ◆ Presentation of Awards and Honors
- ◆ Historical Glimpse of Clarksville



- ◆ Challenge from the Word of God
- ◆ Open Forum

This meeting is a great time to bring our students and alumni

together for fellowship, encouragement and to keep all abreast of the work that is continuing at Clarksville. At the conclusion of the annual meeting, a tour of the campus will be given and free time is available to enjoy the beauty of Eastern North Carolina. If you need suggestions for places to see or things to do, please let us know. Our 2018 Commencement Exercises will begin at 7:00pm. Members of our alumni are invited to line up and walk in with the Clarksville Board and Staff. **We look forward to seeing you in May!**

Fall Semester

- * Survey of the New Testament I
- * Doctrines of the Bible I
- * A Survey of Modern Religions

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

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- * *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

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Fear Not - Believe Only

Fear not for I
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Isaiah 43:5

But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, **Fear not: believe only**, and she shall be made whole.

Luke 8:50

A study of the words and phrases spoken by Christ are always profitable and worthwhile. A closer examination of the phrase spoken by Christ in Luke 8:50, "Fear not", reveals the Greek word "phobeo." This word is well-known to most people, not in its original Greek form but by its English derivative.

The English word "phobia" has its origins and etymology from the word "phobeo."

Who of us does not have a phobia about something? If we were to take a survey of individual phobias, we would begin to realize that all mankind has fears. A recent statistical survey of citizens of the United States and their phobias, cataloged the top 10 phobias. Is your phobia on the list? Perhaps you have a

different phobia that was not mentioned.

Jesus Christ said to "Fear not: believe only" and this was not the only time in the Scriptures that He told us to "Fear not." A study of the Scriptures reveal that Jesus often spoke this phrase. He was teaching and reassuring His followers to believe and trust in Him. Take a moment and read Luke 5:10, 8:50, 12:7, 12:32 and Revelation 1:17 in their context. Notice that Jesus is comforting, reassuring, and offering peace in these passages.

When our fears and phobias paralyze us - let us remember the words of Christ, "Fear not: Believe only."

Jesus is more than capable of healing the sick, raising the dead, making the lame whole, calming the storm, forgiving the sin of the repentant, saving the lost, keeping the saved, and providing for and protecting His own.

What is your phobia?

Fear not: Believe only!

Top 10 Phobias

