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OUR MISSION

To prepare and equip disciples who are called to lead and serve in ministries in the church and community.



IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Campus Worship
Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.
Rev. Dr. Kurt Clark, Speaker

**Spring Break
(No Classes)**
March 28-April 1

**Summer Registration
Begins**
Monday, March 21

Fall Registration Begins
Monday, May 2

Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, May 7

**Memorial Day
(School Closed)**
Monday, May 30

Summer Term Begins
Monday, June 6



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From the President's Desk

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled..."
Matthew 24:6-8 NKJV

In late February, Russia invaded Ukraine. Since then, news outlets have run constant reports of bomb blasts, evacuations, fires, senseless killings, and the brave resilience of the Ukrainian people amid these troubling times. Untold thousands of troops have left the U.S. to stand ready for what we all hope is not WWII. Political pundits speculate that China will invade Taiwan. And, once again, the Middle East is becoming unstable. When it seems that things are unraveling all around us, we must remember the words of Jesus: *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* John 16:33 NKJV

Yes, we live in an unstable, unpredictable world. There seems to be no end in sight to the many tribulations we face. As we look for relief, things seem to get more desperate. We must remember that our Savior has overcome this world; we are just passing through. In the world, we can have peace, but only in Christ.

- In Christ, we find help to hold on in hope.
- In Christ, we find the strength to persevere through trouble.

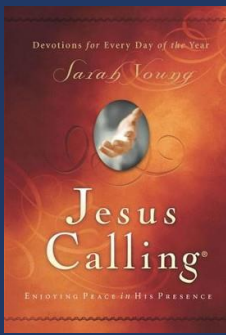
- In Christ, we find grace to go on in gratitude.
- In Christ, we find reasons to press on in love and compassion.

At Huntsville Bible College (HBC), our mission is to prepare Christian leaders to serve in times like these. In this quiet spiritual oasis, we are busy helping preachers, teachers, administrators, and everyday believers to draw closer to Christ through studying the Word of God, sharpening their biblical worldview, and teaching them to serve others with competence and compassion. Any college can confer a degree. Any college can convene classes. Any college can condition candidates for the competitive workforce. But here at HBC, we are preparing people to know Christ more fully and serve Christ and the world more effectively, even in troubled times.

The closer we are to Christ, the more we will know the peace that passes all understanding and guards our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7). We are teaching men and women to build their lives on the unchanging truth of God's Word in these changing times.

May God richly bless you and wrap His arms of peace around you.

John L. Clay
President



BOOK OF THE QUARTER:
*Jesus Calling: Enjoying
Peace in His Presence*
By: Sarah Young

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE
QUARTER:**

Isaiah 26:3
*"You will keep him in
perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed
on You, Because
he trusts in You."*

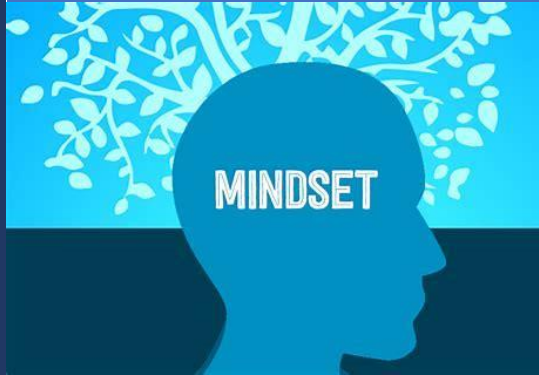
SONG OF THE QUARTER:
"Speak the Name"
By: Koryn Hawthorne and
Natalie Grant



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Character can not be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

Helen Keller



Mindset: Building a Foundation for Persevering

What does it take to persevere in the face of tough assignments, setbacks, overloaded schedules, personal struggles, bad news, distractions, or even boredom? Is perseverance a trait people are born with, or is it a skill set, an attitude one can develop over time?

Christian perseverance is a quality that any believer can achieve. It is the effort to keep going by faith, despite difficulty. Ultimately, it is the thin line making the difference between an A or a B, graduating or quitting, and barely finishing or finishing well. The writer of Hebrews offered strong advice for burdened, stressed-out believers who feel like giving up. When you are weary, tap into the strength that is always available to you, "...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame..." (Hebrews 12:2a NKJV). The writer continues, "consider Him...lest ye be wearied and faint [quit] in your minds (Hebrews 12:3 KJV).

What does it take to finish well? How can you overcome the urge to quit? It takes a made-up mind focused on Jesus' example of perseverance. And, it begins with your mindset. Use what God gave you, "the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16), which enables you to endure, to press on, and overcome in the strength of the Lord. Press on!



A Prayer for the HBC Class of 2022

Gracious God, Our Father,

Let Your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they draw to the completion of this academic journey and prepare to celebrate a grand milestone. Let each graduate feel the comfort from our prayers as they journey to the places where You will send them. Let them find confidence in the excellence of their academic preparation and strength in the presence of Your Spirit to serve the Church, the local community, and the world. Let Your hand of grace be with them as they finish their course with joy. In Your name, bless their lives and the work of their hands with goodness and success.

Empower them

- to walk humbly before You
- to stay true to their dreams for your greater glory
- to discern what is right, true, and just, and
- to use their gifts wisely and in service to others.

Order their steps as they walk boldly into an unknown future with great faith, hope, and love. Shine Your light across their way and guide them to use their gifts and training to, in the words of Ignatius Loyola, "Go forth and set the world on fire." In Jesus' name, Amen.



Reaffirmation of Accreditation by ABHE

Huntsville Bible College (HBC) received reaffirmation of accreditation by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), the recognized accrediting body for more than 200 Bible schools and colleges throughout North America and Canada. The reaffirmation process affirms HBC's capacity to offer accredited undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate degree education. The process included evaluating the College, reviewing its practices, determining its strengths, acknowledging its weaknesses, and implementing steps for improvement.

In a letter received in March 2022, ABHE announced that its Commission on Accreditation met in February to reaffirm HBC's accreditation for the next decade. The ABHE team reviewed HBC in April 2021 and visited the campus in July 2021. Specifically, the Commission concluded that "[HBC] substantially complies with the ABHE's Institutional Accreditation Standards, including documentation of the appropriateness, rigor, and achievement of its stated student learning outcomes and all other Title IV eligibility requirements."

The accreditation review process is a rigorous, multi-stage examination required every ten years, addressing all aspects of HBC's programs, services, and facilities. The process is specific to an institution seeking reaffirmation of accreditation and consists of preparation by the institution and review by College constituents and peers.

HBC was first accredited by ABHE in 2007. The College's next decennial review will take place in 2032. God has faithfully strengthened the hand of the College administration, board of directors, faculty, and staff for the work of advancing HBC through the decades. Likewise, for 35 years, God has covered, guided, and lifted all who have passed through its corridors to touch and serve the world.

Spring Meditation: The Tears of Jesus

*"He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows
and acquainted with grief."
(Isaiah 53:3a KJV)*

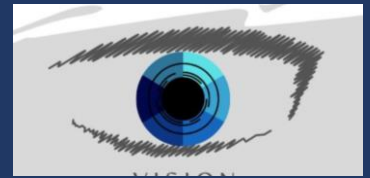
Long before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the prophet Isaiah described Him as despised, rejected, sorrowful, and grieved. Centuries later, in the final weeks before the Crucifixion, Isaiah's somber prophecy found its fulfillment when Jesus, the Man of sorrows, wept.

Jesus' weeping was not a superficial display of emotionalism. It was a reminder to every living soul that Jesus cares for you and that He carries your burdens.

In Scripture, there are three times that Jesus wept (John 11:35; Luke 19:41; Hebrews 5:7-9). Each is near the end of His earthly life and reveals what matters most to our loving God.

Jesus never wept in self-pity or despair. At no time did Jesus draw back from His calling in angry frustration over what others had said or done against Him. Without exception, Jesus shed His tears on behalf of those whom He dearly loved.

Jesus is still genuinely *"touched with the feeling of our infirmities"* (Hebrews 4:15). Let His tears remind you that He loves saints and sinners, and He cares for you!



Coming Soon

HBC VISION BANQUET

7 :00 p.m. – Friday, June 3
Von Braun Center

Speaker, Rev. Dr. John Faison
Watson Grove Baptist Church,
Nashville, TN



Employment Opportunities

Huntsville Bible College
is seeking applications for
godly, professional
candidates to support the
growth of the College.

- College President
- Student Recruiter
- Advancement and Development Officer
- Adjunct Faculty

For more information,
see the College website
www.huntsvillebiblecollege.org

To apply, send a letter of
intent and resume to:

Email:
admin@hbc1.edu

Mail:
Huntsville Bible College
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"Excellence means representing the reputation of Christ well. It means doing all things as best you can.

– Stephen Kendrick

Fall Semester 2021 - Dean's List

"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24)

HBC is delighted to announce the students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.0 (undergraduate) or 3.5 (graduate and post-graduate), complete a minimum of nine undergraduate or six graduate credit hours, and earn no grade lower than C.

UNDERGRADUATE

Mufutau (John) Aremu
Jimmy Bailey
Reginald Buchanan
Ernest Jones

UNDERGRADUATE (cont'd)

Bridgette McClendon
Katrina Munchinsky
Rose Nance
Elizabeth Pylant
Brittany Ragland
Perry Torrain
John Wall
Chase Williams

GRADUATE

Julian Bolden
Robert Clark
Burgess Ewing
Valeria Gray
Deano Orr
Michael Timberlake
Deloris Vaughn
Tawana Watkins

POST-GRADUATE

Andrea Bradford
Elouise Bradsher
Frances Chunn
Perry Clark
Barbara Clemons
Patricia Corbitt
Jonathan Ford
Jonathan Hambrick
Michael Jones
Laurie McCaulley
Michael Rice
Elizabeth Richardson
Urell Richardson
Edna Sheridan
Larry Smith
Dorothy Tiller
Johnathon Wilson
Veronica Winston

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