From the President’s Desk

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27 NIV.)

We have survived more than two years of a global health pandemic that has claimed more than a million U.S. lives and changed the way we live. Now, our nation seems to have plunged into another crisis – a gun violence epidemic. The science is indisputably clear: More guns do not stop crime:

- There have been 246 mass shootings (meaning four or more people killed) and 61 shootings in which three have been killed in the U.S. so far this year.
- Americans are ten times more likely to be killed by guns than people in countries of similar socioeconomic status.
- At 4.5 per 100,000 people, the U.S. gun homicide rate is about eight times higher than in Canada, 18 times higher than in the United Kingdom, and 20 to 30 times higher than Scandinavian Europe.

Schools and churches are two of the leading institutions that hold communities together. Of course, it is urgent and necessary to continue to “Pray without ceasing” (1 Th. 5:17), petitioning God to deliver us from evil. We offer comfort to those grieving, but in times like these, we must do more than offer “thoughts and prayers.”

As educators and people of faith, we must be “wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” That is, we must have the innocence of a dove that we may not harm others and the wisdom of a serpent that others may not harm us. While we pray daily for the Lord’s protection, we have also implemented policies and plans to prevent and mitigate the occurrence of tragedy on our campus.

- The College Emergency Preparedness Committee meets annually in June to review and update policies and procedures to guide various emergencies, including active shooter events. In August, we will provide the most recent copy of this document to all on-campus students and present a detailed review for faculty during the Annual Conference.
- We employ a part-time campus security guard to patrol the premises and address suspicious behavior, incidents, and breaches.
- We have expanded our state-of-art security system restricting building access and providing internal and external camera surveillance.

With the Lord’s help, we will continue as faithful stewards doing our best with what the Lord has entrusted to our charge. May the God of peace keep your heart, mind, and body and give you peace for perilous times. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

John L. Clay
President
In uncertain times, everyone has two basic choices - looking to things/people to ease and satisfy the heart, or looking to God. The Bible promises that those who hope in God will not be disappointed. It doesn't mean that God will erase all our fears and meet all our time expectations, nor will He always show up when, where, or how we expect. But He will give us everything He has promised, cover us with His grace, and supply all our needs. So, we wait with patient expectation, knowing that our hope is solid when we hope in the Lord.

People question God's goodness when He doesn't do whatever they ask, honoring their plans, timing, or expectation. But consider God's plan: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2–4). God does not abandon us in tough times. He uses our tests and struggles to perfect us and conform us to the image of His victorious Son, Jesus Christ.

Good news and bad news will come and go in this world. May God give us hope that doesn't rise or fall with life's ups and downs. It's good to have hope that doesn't fade in a crisis. It's wonderful to be free from counting on things that have no power to give us what we most need. So, take time to reexamine what you're hoping for and set your focus on the only one who is worthy of your hope.

The HBC Development Office organizes the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and welcomes players across the Tennessee Valley to participate. To register for the tournament or become a sponsor partner, please contact the Development Office at (256) 469-5736 or dev@hbc1.edu.

Corporate Sponsor: $500 - Name recognition on all pre-event marketing. Signage on the day of the event. Marketing opportunity to include company logo or insert in all golfer gift bags.

Church/Group Sponsor: $350 – One team and one tee sign.

Tee Sign Sponsor: $150 - Name recognition on a tee. Marketing opportunity to include name, logo, and insert in all golfer gift bags.

Individual Golfer: $100 (walk-ups $140) - 18-holes of golf, plus lunch for one person.

Prizes per Flight: Based on the number of players

Prizes: Hole-in-One, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin

Tournament Classic Golf Cup: The group with the most golfers will win the HBC Classic Golf Cup.

Team Check-In: 7:30 a.m. - Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.
Graduation 2022

We are pleased to congratulate the members of the HBC Class of 2022.

Undergraduate Certificate (Biblical Studies)
Jacquen Anderson
Josephine Jones ++
Clanzelle Moore +++

Associate of Arts Degree (Christian Education)
Karen Carter
Lee Andrew Turner ++
Beverly Stanford

Associate of Arts Degree (Pastoral Ministry)
Phyllis M. Stallworth +
Santa G. Timmons ++
Cynthia Marie Wills +

Bachelor of Arts Degree (Christian Education)
Douglas Carletus Bonner +++
Pamela K. Parker +

Bachelor of Arts Degree (Pastoral Ministry)
Jeffery J. Jefferson +
Ernest Wayne Jones +
Randal Watson
Dequanty O'Brian Thompson

Honor Recognition for Undergraduates
+ Honors (3.00–3.4)
++ High Honors (3.5–3.9)

Master of Ministry (Biblical Leadership)
Robert Melvin Clark +++
Valeria Crutcher Gray +
Deano Cortez Orr ++

Master of Ministry (Pastoral Studies)
Jennifer Unà Davis ++
Michael Ray Timberlake, Jr. +
Deloris Gilbreath Vaughn +

Doctor of Ministry (Biblical Leadership)
Perry Glenn Clark +++
Barbara J. Clemons ++
Michael L. Jones ++
Laurie Bone McCaulley +
Elizabeth Bowers Richardson ++
Edna Kimbrough Sheridan ++
Larry Layne Smith ++
Dorothy Jean Tiller +++
Veronica D. Winston +++

Honor Recognition for Graduates
+ Honors (3.50–3.74)
++ High Honors (3.75–3.89)
+++ Highest Honors (4.00)

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 1 Co. 9:8

Summer Meditation: Hope in the Lord

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” -Isaiah 40:31-32 NKJV

We are in an odd season of life where much is uncertain and unknown. At times, the world seems to be falling into chaos. We fear the unknown. We fear the future, but we must find peace in the present. The only way we can do that is with God. He meets us at a time when we think all hope is gone, to seal, save, and shelter us.

When “all around my soul gives way,” when the worst happens, when your worst fears are realized, and all other help is vain, there is still hope in God. He never fails.

So much is happening in our country that we must place our hope in God and remain confident in His good work. He has called us on a fantastic journey that only gets better.

Hope is the precious gift of God to His children. It is the firm belief that things will get better and that we will survive and thrive in this season. Place your confidence in God, for He makes all things work for our good. With that hope, we will run; we will fly. We will prosper through the chaos.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand
### Spring Semester 2022 - Dean’s List

*For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge.” 2 Peter 1:5*

HBC is delighted to announce the academic achievements of students named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester. To be eligible, 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
- Douglass Bonner
- Karen Carter
- Katrina Munchinsky

#### UNDERGRADUATE (cont’d)

- Rose Nance
- Elizabeth Pylant
- Felisa Ragland
- Lee Turner
- Dorothy Tucker
- John Wall
- Cynthia Willis

#### GRADUATE

- Julian Bolden
- Robert Clark
- Burgess Ewing
- Jennifer Davis
- Michael Timberlake
- Deloris Vaughn
- Tawana Watkins

#### POST-GRADUATE

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

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“**Aspire greatly; anything less than a commitment to excellence becomes an acceptance of mediocrity.**”

-Brian Tracy