

For The Love Of The Truth: A Historic Overview Of Graham Bible College

The ministry of Graham Bible College is a living testimony to the marvelous grace and provision of God. It began as an outgrowth of the 30-year ministry of Rev. Daniel H. Graham and the Dan Graham Evangelistic Association. In 1950, Mr. Graham contacted Rev. Preson P. Phillips, of Greenville, South Carolina. Together they began to plan for this new venture and in 1951, Graham Bible College was founded in Bristol, Tennessee with Rev. Phillips as the first president. Originally the school met in a building on 15 Fifth Street where Mr. Graham had conducted his radio services. As the school's ministry expanded it moved to the First Methodist Church property in 1958, and then to its present location on the Volunteer Parkway in Bristol, Tennessee.

Graham Bible College was established as a bulwark against the Humanism and Rationalism which assailed the church in the 20th Century (1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3). The college opposed these errors by staunchly affirming the plenary verbal inspiration of Holy Scripture while, at the same time, offering an education which was thoroughly Biblical in both content and philosophy (2 Tim. 3:15-16; Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:19-20). This high regard for the Bible presupposes that the entire canon of 66 inspired books is the only authoritative and infallible rule of faith and practice. Scripture is, as the Westminster Confession asserts, "The Supreme Judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men and private spirits, are to be examined" (1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:13).

The Graham Bible College curriculum was designed to equip the student with a general knowledge of the content and meaning of the Scriptures. Classroom preparation and personal studies enable the student to understand and appreciate the theological truths of the Bible and to apply them in both personal and societal relationships (Ps. 24:1; 1 Cor. 10:31). Because the Triune God is the source of all true wisdom and knowledge, Graham's curriculum has a Reformed emphasis which promotes a Christian world and life view to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom (Prov. 1:7; 2:6; Rom. 11:33; Col. 2:3). Upon satisfying the

curriculum's requirements, a student may earn one of the following degrees: Bachelor in Biblical Education; Associate in Biblical Education; or, a Certificate in Biblical Education.



Rev. Daniel H. Graham

Although GBC is a small institution by modern comparisons, nevertheless, we offer some unique advantages for our students. Graham provides one of the finest Biblical and theological libraries in the southeast. The GBC faculty is composed

mainly of pas-

tors who have both college and graduate degrees. This combination of pastoral experience and academic excellence gives our students the benefit of combining their studies with the practical application of God's Word to life. These advantages, coupled with Graham's very affordable tuition, make the college an appealing choice for those seeking "to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).

As acting president of Graham Bible College, and as a former alumnus of this institution, I can personally recommend the school for its Biblical integrity and its sincere love for our Lord Jesus. If you are interested in pursuing an education where God's Word and glory are preminent, I invite you to contact our office. You may reach us by telephone at (423) 968-4201. Our mailing address is Graham Bible College, PO Box 1630, Bristol, Virginia 24203. For more information you can search our websight at, WWW.grahambiblecollege.com. May the Lord bless each of you as you serve Him in the kingdom.

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