

General Information

*“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men
but as wise, making the most of every opportunity.”*

Ephesians 5:15

GENERAL INFORMATION

The College. Heritage Bible College is a coeducational Bible College founded in 1971 and sponsored by the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist (PFWB) denomination. It is open to students from all denominations who wish to pursue the programs of the College. Heritage was established to provide systematic and comprehensive training in the Word of God from a Pentecostal perspective to enable students to fulfill their specific call to the ministry.

Affiliation. Heritage Bible College was founded and is sponsored by the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, Inc. and has the endorsement of the Congregational Holiness Church and several other denominations.

Mission. *The mission of Heritage Bible College is to develop Christ-centered men and women of Christian character, equipped at the college level with skills for ministry and committed to a life of Christian service.*

History. In 1971, Herbert Carter and Ned Sauls had a dream for a college to serve the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church (PFWB) as well as to be inter-denominationally extended. The General Superintendent, Herbert Carter, called a meeting of the Board of Directors of the PFWB to present the plan, strategies, and the name of the college. The name of the corporation would be Heritage Bible College. The name “Heritage” was chosen to portray the vision the founding fathers had for the school “contending for the historical faith of the church.” Rev. Carter had a conversation with a friend, Dr. O. T. Spence, about that idea and due to the circumstances in his life, Dr. Spence was available to serve as president. The denomination board voted overwhelmingly to adopt the resolution related thereto on June 7, 1971. The Articles of Incorporation were completed on June 25, 1971. Heritage Bible College opened for classes in the fall of 1971, with approximately 60 students in attendance. Our intent was and is to maintain our position as a college of Pentecostal tradition and vision through educational integrity and biblical truth. The strength of Heritage Bible College is its commitment to prepare graduates to be effective workers for the kingdom of God. The College, its management, and the responsibility of financing it reveal the potential mental, moral, and spiritual resources of the institution’s “Christ-Centered – Character Building – Committed to Ministry” philosophy.

The Campus. Heritage Bible College is located at Exit 71 off I-95. The campus is situated four miles southeast of the All-American City of Dunn, which is located in the heart of North Carolina. Dunn is adjacent to I-95, a major thoroughfare that runs north and south. About six miles north of Dunn, I-95 intersects with I-40, another interstate road that links the east coast to the west coast of the United States. There are 30 or more churches representing all major faiths that play a vital role in the lives of Dunn’s approximately 10,000 residents.

Recognition and Accreditation. Heritage Bible College is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [PO Box 328, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: 434.525.9539; e-mail: info@tracs.org] having been awarded Accredited status as a Category II institution by the TRACS Accreditation Committee on November 5, 1998 and reaffirmed on November 5, 2008; this status is effective for a period of ten years. The United States Department of Education (USDE), the Council for Higher Education (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) recognize TRACS.

The United States Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalization Service approve Heritage Bible College for attendance of non-immigrant foreign students.

Heritage Bible College is approved for the training of veterans by the North Carolina State Approving Agency for Veterans.

The State of North Carolina, Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation approves Heritage Bible College for the training of students with disabilities/handicaps.

Heritage Bible College is approved by the United States Office of Education for participation in the Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal PELL Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) and the Federal Work Study Program (FWS).

Heritage Bible College is listed in the Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions published by the U.S. Department of Education.

Heritage Bible College is chartered as a degree-granting institution by the State of North Carolina under the supervision of the University of North Carolina.

Heritage Bible College is a non-profit college recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)3 organization.

Articulation Agreement with Regent University. In April 2002, Heritage Bible College and Regent University in Virginia developed an articulation agreement allowing Heritage graduates to enroll in Regent University and earn masters or doctoral degrees in such fields as theology, divinity, communication, leadership, government, counseling, or education.

Philosophy of Education. The philosophy of Heritage Bible College is centered on Christ, founded in the truths of God's Word, and focused on preparation for ministry. Heritage is committed to the Pentecostal tradition and vision and dedicated to educational integrity and biblical truth. All truth is regarded as originating from God and is, therefore, to be fully pursued and internalized.

In light of this philosophy, it is our commitment to provide a quality Christian education based on the Word of God with programs of study in Bible and theology, general education and professional training. It is our aim to prepare students for ministry in the context of the Pentecostal tradition.

We believe that God's purposes for Heritage Bible College corporately and for its faculty and students individually, can be accomplished only by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit through yielded believers.

Goals. In support of its philosophy and mission, Heritage Bible College seeks to:

- Enable students to understand God's Word and apply biblical principles to daily living.
- Guide students in their personal commitment to the Lord and willingness to minister as God leads.
- Enhance and enrich the student's spiritual growth and maturity.
- Provide students with a quality Christian education.
- Equip students with the education necessary to communicate effectively the Gospel to the world.

Curriculum. Heritage provides a four-year curriculum, designed to achieve the above goals, that leads to a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education (B.R.E.) in Pastoral Ministries or Biblical Studies. During the first two years, studies emphasize concentration in general education courses and introductory courses in Bible, Theology, and Professional Ministries. Students who select the B.R.E. in Pastoral Ministries will concentrate studies in pastoral ministry and leadership. Students who select the B.R.E. in Biblical Studies will choose one or two minors from the three available areas of concentration: Christian Counseling, Christian Education, or Music. Studies during the last two years of the B.R.E. curriculum concentrate on the more advanced biblical courses (including the writing of expositions), history, systematic theology, and Christian ethics.

The student has the option of enrolling in the Associate of Religious Education (A.R.E.) program of study with one of the above minors. Courses taken in the associate program serve as a foundation for continuing in the bachelor's program.

The student also has the option of enrolling in the Associate of Christian Studies (A.C.S.) program which is a program of study designed to give the student basic general education courses and a general study of the Bible. This program is designed for students who wish to have biblical training but have no professional ministerial goals. Credit for general education courses is eligible for transfer to another four-year institution; however, each college or university makes its own determination as to whether or not to accept transfer credits.

Students. Heritage Bible College students are diverse in age, ethnicity, gender, denominational affiliation, career aspirations, and life experiences. The shared experience of learning in a Christian environment builds bridges that allow our students to connect with each other in a meaningful way despite their differences.

Faculty. Qualified faculty is available to students as instructors and advisors; the student-faculty ratio was 5:1 in the fall semester 2009.

Degrees Granted. Heritage grants the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Religious Education in Biblical Studies with minors in Christian Counseling, Christian Education, or Music; students may choose one or two minors.
- Associate of Religious Education with a minor in Christian Counseling, Christian Education, or Music.
- Associate of Christian Studies designed for the non-ministerial student who would like to attend a Christian College for the first two years of undergraduate studies to get a foundation in Bible, theology and practices of the Christian church.

Classes Offered. Heritage offers day, evening, and online classes on a systematic schedule for both traditional and non-traditional students.

Extension Classes. As a ministry to churches that share the College's interest in studying the scriptures, Heritage offers extension classes that may be taught in the local church. The purpose of the extension classes is to offer a solid biblical instruction program for those students who are unable to attend college full-time or who wish to stay at home while they earn college credits. Up to 50% of required courses may be taken in extension classes; the remaining credits must be earned on campus.

Online Classes. Heritage Bible College is approved to offer online classes. Two eight-week sessions of online classes are offered per semester. Students must register for these classes during the specified registration period each semester. Some online courses may require sending a performance video/DVD periodically.

Website. The College has a website that provides information to current and prospective students, faculty, staff, college constituency, and the general public. Interested individuals may visit the website (www.heritagebiblecollege.edu) for information about the college, its programs and services, application materials, and contact telephone numbers and email addresses to secure additional information. College personnel are happy to schedule a campus visit or arrange for a college representative to visit church, community or civic organizations to present information about Heritage Bible College to interested groups.

COLLEGE LICENSURE, DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Disclosure Statement. The information contained in this catalog reflects the current policies and regulations of the College. The College reserves the right to change programs of study, academic requirements, tuition/fees, and College policies at any time without prior notice and to make corrections needed due to unintended errors in this catalog and related materials.

Licensure Exemption. Degree programs of study offered by Heritage Bible College have been declared exempt from the requirements for licensure under provisions of North Carolina General Statutes (G.S.) Section 116-15-(d) for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education. Exemption from licensure is not based upon any assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.

Policy of Nondiscrimination. Heritage does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or handicap in the administration of its personnel and education policies. It admits qualified students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Alumni Association. The purpose of the Alumni Association is to:

- Maintain contact with the Alumni of Heritage Bible College and to keep the Alumni informed of the activities of the College.
- Promote the general welfare of Heritage Bible College through such means as donation of books, monies, time, or any other services that will benefit the College.

Alumni Involvement. The Alumni Association funds annual scholarships and maintains liaison with the College and the student body. Alumni volunteers assist in recruitment and planning special events at the College.

Membership. Active membership in the Alumni Association is open to any student who has been enrolled in the College and who has left the College under honorable conditions.

OBJECTIVES FOR GRADUATES

Spiritual Objectives. A graduate of Heritage Bible College will be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of and deep appreciation for the Bible as the infallible Word of God.
- Exhibit a strong personal commitment to the Lordship of Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.
- Reflect maturity in the application of biblical principles.
- Express a Christian worldview that will provide for an effective ministry.
- Identify and understand personal spiritual gifts and use his or her gifts effectively in the ministry.
- Give evidence of skills for effective spiritual leadership.

Educational Objectives. A graduate of Heritage Bible College will:

- Demonstrate knowledge, wisdom, and practical skills necessary to communicate the gospel message to mankind.
- Analyze human psychology and the social environment, particularly as it pertains to the ministry.
- Communicate with proficiency in both written and oral form.
- Illustrate growth in practical ministry skills appropriate to individual academic and vocational goals.
- Successfully enter a graduate institution or professional ministry of personal choice.
- Satisfactory achievement of core competencies: Reading, Writing, Public Speaking, Critical Thinking, Technology, and Exegesis.

When a student graduates from Heritage Bible College, he or she should:

1. Exhibit evidence of being Christ centered through knowledge of the Bible, active and faithful involvement in church, personal testimony and lifestyle.

2. Exhibit evidence of Christian character through the internalization of *core values* taught by Heritage Bible College and the faith and practices of the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, Inc.:
 - a. Authority of the Scriptures
 - b. Trinity of God
 - c. Divinity of Jesus Christ
 - d. Salvation of Humanity
 - e. Pentecost
 - f. Integrity
 - g. Sanctity of Life
 - h. Sanctity of Marriage
 - i. Teamwork
 - j. Excellence in Education
 - k. Mutual Respect for One Another – We Value the Person
 - l. Accountability
 - m. Servant Leadership – Glorify Jesus Christ
3. Demonstrate commitment to ministry by faithful participation in ministry opportunities, active lay or professional ministry, service to Christian, secular, civic or community organizations seeking to meet the natural and spiritual needs of individuals and families.
4. Demonstrate mastery of the *core competencies* of reading, writing, public speaking, exegesis of scripture, technology, and critical thinking as measured by academic standards established by the College.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. The Scriptures Inspired

We believe in the verbal and plenary (full) inspiration of the Bible. The Bible is the inerrant Word of God, free from any error in its original form, and is the final authority in matters of faith and life (II Timothy 3:16-17).

II. The One True God

We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 10:10; 1 John 5:20; Matthew 3:16-17).

III. The Deity of Christ

We believe in the deity and the humanity of Jesus Christ. He is very man and perfect God, hence fully God and fully man; that Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and born of the virgin Mary; that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and raised from the dead and that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor (Luke 1:35a; John 1:31-34; Matthew 11:19; Luke 9:22).

IV. The Fall of Man

We believe that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” and that repentance is necessary for the forgiveness of sins (Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12-19).

V. The Salvation of Man

We believe that justification is by faith alone, and that regeneration or the new birth through faith in the blood of Christ is absolutely essential (Psalms 51:3, 4, 17; Romans 4:25; 5:1-2; 10:9, 10; Ephesians 2:13; John 3:3).

VI. Sanctification

We believe that sanctification is subsequent to regeneration and is a second definite instantaneous work of grace, obtained by faith on the part of the fully justified believer. Sanctification in a word is the love of God made perfect in the heart of the believer. This is perfection in quality (initially and definitely), but not quantity. The latter comes by progressive growth (Romans 6:6; Hebrews 10:20; Ephesians 4:20-24; Titus 3:5-7).

VII. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an enduement of power for those who have clean hearts, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance (Acts 2:1-8).

VIII. The Ordinances of the Church

Baptism in Water

We believe that the saved should receive water baptism, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as a testimony to the world that he has accepted Christ as Savior and Lord (Matthew 28:19; Colossians 2:12).

Holy Communion

We believe in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as commemorating Christ's death and anticipating His second coming (Matthew 26:26-28).

Feet Washing

We believe feet washing is a sacred ordinance of humility, instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ and enjoined upon His Disciples as a duty to be observed by them. In this He set the example (Matthew 28:19, 20; John 13:1-17).

IX. Divine Healing

We believe that healing provided in the atonement is both spiritual and physical (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:16, 17). Sin is directly or indirectly responsible for sickness. The same Christ who can deliver from sin can, if it pleases Him, deliver from sickness. We do not believe that there is anything morally wrong with taking medicine or receiving human aid. Healing is God's promise to receive, rather than a command that must be obeyed (James 5:14, 15).

X. The Creation

We believe in the literal Genesis account of creation. We believe that the first eleven chapters of Genesis are the literal and historical accounts of God's creation of all things and that man was created by God in His image and not the product of some process of evolution.

XI. The Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the personal premillennial, second coming of Jesus; first, to resurrect the righteous dead and to carry away the living saints to meet Him in the air; second, to reign with His saints on earth a thousand years followed by the eternal state of the righteous (Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 20:4-6).

XII. Satan

We believe in the existence of a personal devil who at one time was holy and honored in heaven, but through pride fell from his lofty estate and is now completely evil, unholy, anti-God and is now the power and the prince of the air (Isaiah 14:11-15). The devil, the fallen agents, and the unbelievers of all ages shall be banished to an eternity in hell (2 Peter 2:4).

XIII. Resurrection, Final Judgment, and Reward

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved to life eternal and the lost to everlasting punishment (Acts 24:15, 17:31; II Corinthians 5:10; Luke 22:36).