

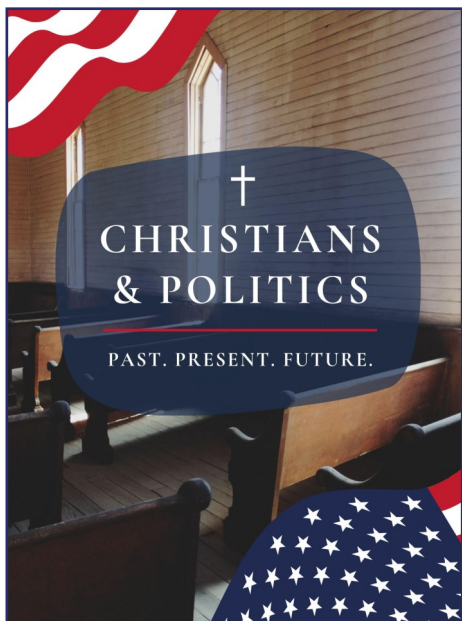


RACERUNNER REVIEW

"...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." Hebrews 12:1-2

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Count your blessings



Join us **January 9-11, 2024** for our Faith Position Forum:

Christians & Politics

For 3 nights, from 6:30-8:30, at Waters Edge Church, we will consider:

The Past: How did early Christians respond to the political climate of the first 3 centuries?

The Present: What is it like in our current political climate? As part of this night, Christians who have held or been involved in office will share their experiences.

The Future: So what do we do with information? What questions should we be asking? How do we make informed decisions about our involvement as Christians?

This event is open to the public, so please share this with your friends, family, and churches. The fee is \$25 per person whether joining us in person (Waters Edge Church, 4141 Holland Road, Virginia Beach) or through Zoom. Contact our FBC office to register.



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**Grounded in the Word, Growing in Christ, Giving Back to the Church**



## Count Your Blessings, Name them One By One

Count your blessings, See what God has done!  
Count your blessings, Name them one by one.  
Count your many blessings, See what God has done!

Do you know this classic song? It reminds us of the promise of II Corinthians 9:8, “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in **all things at all times**, having **all you need**, you will abound in every good work.”

We at Faith Bible College have witnessed so many blessings! As 2023 closes, join us in honoring God through these blessings shared by our students and staff.



*FBC students, family, & friends were able to gather to enjoy each other and celebrate Fall!*

- Two of our students added newborn daughters to their families. Newlyweds joined us within weeks of their wedding. Our student body grows in more ways than one!
- “To really understand (the Bible), it is important to understand the historical and cultural context. Dr. Newman provided this information as though we were there.” (from a student in the Daniel class)



*Through Zoom, Chaplain Parker holds a weekly Bible study with a sweet fellowship in Pakistan.*

- “I’m grateful for my husband’s new job - God has truly blessed him in the work of his hands! We had a great summer visit with all my kids at once - a first now that they are all adults:)”
- Our Venezuelan student who works with Global Friendship Ministries is translating one of our courses into Spanish.
- “God has blessed me with strength and activity of my limbs and muscles day by day; with encouragement from family, friends, people from church, and people at FBC; and understanding and knowledge to complete my coursework successfully.”

- An anonymous donor has given an FBC student a full scholarship!
- “The Lord has been providing in unexpected ways. His timing has been perfect with the Eschatology class and the writing of my baby book.”
- Two of the churches we have partnered with had anniversary celebrations—one for 33 years and one for 60 years! Two more churches have opened their doors to us holding studies for their members.
- “Dr. Hap has been such a blessing to our Study in the Psalms this semester. I had read the Book of Psalms many times before but now I have a much better understanding of the structure of the book. It was also a blessing to meet new Christians who love God’s Word.”
- FBC has enjoyed folks from Source of Light Ministries and International Students Inc (ISI) in classes this year.
- Giving Tuesday gave us a good start for our year-end financial commitments. To date, our donors, students, staff, faculty, and board have donated \$25,380! Praise God for our donors and prayer warriors—what a blessing!



*Members of ICM and FBC met to brainstorm how we may partner to expand the Kingdom globally.*



## Meet our newest blessings!

We are always amazed at how God takes strangers and makes them family!

Dr. Kevin Jones, one of our adjunct faculty members, has done a great job as he has stepped into the Academic Dean position. We also just recently had to say goodbye to Darla Bolger as Business Manager as she left to help her husband in the business he runs. We appreciate her years of terrific service with FBC! God has blessed us with Rachel Hoel, who has hit the ground running as she joins us during this busy year-end season. She already has shown her many organizational abilities and sweet spirit.



### Kevin Jones, Academic Dean

After serving in church ministry for many years, Kevin transitioned to teaching in 2019. At Hampton Christian Academy, he teaches the dual enrollment Bible classes through Faith Bible College. Aside from teaching, he loves music and baseball, and runs a mobile coffee business with his family. He and his wife Laura live in Hampton with their three children and two dogs.

### Rachel Hoel: Business Manager

Rachel has worked in finance for many years, spending her last 5 years doing auto claims settlements and bookkeeping for small businesses, and working on finances with a former ABHE college. Rachel resides in Chesapeake with her husband, Tyler, and is a mom of 2 young children. Rachel enjoys baking, horticulture, and being outside!



## What blessings will we see next year? This spring is BIG! You can be a part of seeing God at work!

Here are some ways in which you can pray and possibly participate in what we look forward to in 2024.

- After initial accreditation, Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) institutions go through **5-year reaffirmations**. This process involves most of the same steps required for the initial accreditation, but they now pay attention to how the College is progressing as well. For us, this means we have extensive documentation due on **February 13** followed by an onsite team visit **April 9-11**. Those on the team are our peers, people in similar positions in other ABHE institutions who are volunteering and sacrificing their time to help evaluate us. Financially, FBC will need to cover the team's expenses, which will include flights, hotels, meals, etc. Please pray as we have a lot to prepare in the next 10 weeks!
- Over the last year or so, we have realized the need for a **Director of Development**. Some of us on staff, including Dr. Hap Struthers, know most of our donors and try our best to stay in contact with them. It is difficult to stay consistent, though, as our small staff wears many hats. We also need someone who can be our 'ambassador,' who can meet new people and let them know about FBC and the work that God is doing through the College and our students. We need someone who can go out themselves or with our President to contact people who may be willing to support us. The staff has been praying for several months for such a person or persons, whether he/she be a dedicated volunteer or a part-time staff person. If you know a person who may excel in this type of position, please contact us. And please pray that God will guide us to the right person for this vital position.
- Taking into account Giving Tuesday gifts, we **anticipate a need of about \$43,000 more** to give us a solid footing for what is coming in 2024. We are confident in our God who has always provided funds as well as His peace in the process! Please pray with us.
- In the midst of it all, **our students are still our priority**. They are making a difference in their communities! Please pray that God makes a way for even more students to study at FBC this spring!

Registration is open! Visit [www.faithbiblecollege.com](http://www.faithbiblecollege.com)

## Spring Semester

2024 In Person or Zoom

Jan 16th - May 9th

### Class Schedules & Locations:

All classes will meet at Faith Bible College unless otherwise specified.

**Mondays 6:30 - 9:30pm**

- Biblical Communication

**Tuesdays 12:00 - 3:00pm**

- Soteriology: God's Work of Salvation for Humanity

**Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30pm**

- The Mission & Ministry of the Church

@Hampton Christian Academy

**Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30pm**

- Spiritual Transformation II
- Music as Worship

**Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30pm**

- Doctrinal Survey II

@Hampton Christian Academy



Scan to find all course descriptions & to register!

Most of our courses are 3 credits

### **Tuition:**

**Credit students:**  
\$200 per credit hr  
\$50 tech fee

**Audit students:**  
\$100 per credit hr  
\$35 tech fee

**Homeschool dual enrollment:**  
\$100 per course  
\$50 tech fee

*We have special arrangements for church or ministry groups*

*Scholarship funds may be available upon request.*

*See our website or contact our Registrar for more details.*

## Spring Semester

2024 Online

Independent Studies

### Class Time:

When taking any of these classes, you are allotted 15 weeks to complete the course. They are all prerecorded so that you can take them at your own pace!

### Class Titles:

- Basic Apologetics
- Cross Cultural Ministry
- Encountering the NT World
- Genesis
- Hermeneutics / Biblical Study Methods
- Leadership Foundations & Applications
- History of Missions
- Introduction to Missions
- Multiplying Jesus Planting Churches
- Philosophy
- Unlocking the Bible

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### **Who can be a student at Faith Bible College?**

Christians wanting to learn more about God's Word & deepen their relationship with Him

Volunteers and church staff folks who want to sharpen their ministry skills

Missionaries, pastors, & other Christian service folks who want a renewed look at Scripture

High school students wanting dual enrollment college credit

**YOU! Come join God's work at Faith Bible College!**