



CLARKE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Clarke College Alumni:

It is a pleasure to bring you greetings from the Clarke College Alumni Association (CCAA). Representing alumni from across the decades, the purpose of the CCAA is to foster and maintain relationships formed at Clarke College; to facilitate alumni programs and activities; and to promote communication and cooperative actions among all Clarke College graduates and former students. We do this in the following ways, all funded by annual dues and gifts:

- maintain the Alumni House in Newton
- support missions projects
- support international relief efforts
- benevolence and memorial gifts to alumni
- maintenance of clarkecollegeaa.com website
- charities and hardship assistance
- Gideon Bibles for family, deceased alumni
- card ministry for alumni members
- Scholarships for Mississippi Baptist universities and camps
- office, legal and meeting expenses

Because many of us were beneficiaries of financial aid and scholarships at Clarke, one of our goals is to continue that support by providing funds for scholarships at Mississippi Baptist universities, and for those attending camp at GARAYWA Camp and Conference Center and at Central Hills Baptist Retreat. You will recall how our experience at Clarke imbued us with awareness, knowledge, experience, and support for missions, through the Lottie Moon star, summer missions, and other emphases. This is our way of paying it forward – a generational missions legacy – to continue that support. Truth be told, many first learned and experienced missions at church, college, and camp, and many were called into missions from such experiences. As we are reminded in Psalm 102:18-22, *Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord...when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the Lord.* And, as William Carey, that great English missionary to India once said, “To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map.” As God calls, we can provide Bibles and maps. Contributing to these causes will outlast any of us until Jesus comes.

At our last annual meeting and Clarke College reunion, the group decided to recognize alumni from the 1940s and 1950s with Honorary Life Membership in the alumni organization. Although the college closed in 1992, its influence continues through its alumni. Certificates were sent to approximately 30 alumni from those decades.

One thing we have worked on this past year is developing a new CCAA website. You can access it at clarkecollegeaa.com. If you don't have computer access and would like to share your missions stories, photos, or accounts of your time at Clarke, you can send them to Thom McInnis, Board Secretary, at 1433 Tropical Lane, Alabaster, AL 35007-8804. If you are inspired to help others have a hands-on missions experience, your gift in any amount will help accomplish that.

We invite you to connect with other Clarke alumni through the CCAA. Drop us a note; send us an email; or call one of the Board members. We'd love to hear from you. For your convenience, contact information for all board members can be found on the website. Contact us at any time. You can find us on the web at clarkecollegeaa.com; on Facebook at Charter CCAA Clarke College Alumni Association; and email at clarkecollegealumniassociation@gmail.com. We look forward to connecting or reconnecting with you!

We are grateful you are a part of the Clarke College family and wish you and your family God's richest blessings in health and prosperity in the year ahead.

Blessings,

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President, Board of Directors