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2019-2020 is in the books!

Cumberland Baptist Institute's 14th year of Teaching the Word of God is complete.

Though it has been a most unusual and uncomfortable year, I can see that it has also been a very beneficial time for us as a Bible Institute.

But our student body has persevered and successfully completed their studies.

This year has shown their flexibility and resilience as they have had to adapt to the unexpected changes in their study habits.

2019-2020 in review looks like this.

We had a total of 32 students enroll during the course of the year. We ended the year with 28 students completing course work.

Of those 28 students we had a total of 124 course hours attempted and 124 course hours completed.

A wonderful trend that I have seen develop over the past two years is that we have new students enroll for 2nd semester. This year we had 3 such students. This is not common among the Bible Institutes and Seminaries of the ABA. As I speak with the other school officials from our sister schools, it seems that we are the only one who experiences this trend.

I credit this to our enrolled students and faculty encouraging their friends and fellow church members to enroll in second semester courses. This speaks volumes to the quality of education that is being provided by our instructors and received by our student body.

American Baptist Association Messenger Meeting Canceled.

Due to the continuing issue with the Corona virus it has been decided that this years annual messenger meeting of the ABA will be canceled. It was scheduled for June 22-25 in Springfield, Missouri.

The significance of this to us is that, as a member of the American Baptist Association of Theological School, an annual meeting of the Bible Institutes and Seminaries is held at this annual messenger meeting. It is a great time of fellowship and sharing of ideas and advancements that each institute is involved in.

In case you are not aware, a bi-annual 2 day meeting is hosted by one of the Bible Institutes during which time workshops are provided, messages are delivered, and like minded school officials focus on maintaining the purity of the message of Christ while adapting our ministry methods

in an everchanging world. The next Bi-annual meeting will be held in the spring of 2021.

In closing...

I want to take a moment and thank all of our supporting churches who have faithfully stood by us during this difficult time. Without your faithfulness it would be impossible for us to perform the task of training leaders for the work of the Lord.

Looking back I'm very excited about what I see happening at CBI. We have a tremendous task before us, but God is opening doors for us to do our job better and more effectively.

My great request from each of you is that you would commit us to fervent prayer over the summer, that we will be receptive and ready to the direction of God as we chart the course for a new year.

We are planning to return to our campus in August, but we must be prepared if we cannot do so.

God Bless!

Bro. Darry Hatfield

