

The Future of Vineyard Harvester Bible School and Seminary

In the early 1980s, I had the privilege of being the pastor of a young teenager, David Huskins. In January 1999, Bishop David Huskins asked me to come on staff with him at Cedar Lake Christian Center in Cedartown, Georgia, to organize Vineyard Harvester Bible School and Seminary (Vineyard Harvester Bible College at that time). Bishop Huskins was the President, and I was the Dean of Academic Affairs. For the intervening fifteen years, a full curriculum and video teachings were created for five degrees: Associate of Biblical Studies; Bachelor of Biblical Studies; Bachelor of Christian Therapy; Master of Biblical Studies; and Doctor of Theology in Biblical Studies.

I served as the Dean of Academic Affairs of Vineyard Harvester Bible School and Seminary (VHBSS) until 2013, and at that time, the day-to-day responsibilities were turned over to Dr. Roger Hutchins. He served in that capacity as long as there were live classes on the campus of Cedar Lake Christian Center. Upon Bishop Huskins' passing in August, 2014, the live classes ceased. At that time, I reassumed the responsibility of VHBSS as it was totally an online school. I assumed the title of Chancellor of Vineyard Harvester Bible School and Seminary.

Originally, VHBSS operated under the covering of the Fellowship of Vineyard Harvester Churches. After Bishop Huskins' death, the fellowship was dissolved. Since that time, I have incorporated VHBSS as a non-profit organization in the state of Georgia. At the present time, the Board of Directors of VHBSS are Apostle Jerry Dortch, Prophet Roger Hutchins, and myself.

By the grace of God, I will be 80 years old this September. Realistically, one has to begin thinking about succession of leadership and the perpetuation of the school. I have prayed diligently about this for the past two years. Too much has been invested in the school to not continue under proper covering and leadership. This past October, Bishop Gary Clowers invited me to come to their Fall Conference in Freemont, Ohio to present the VHBSS program to the ministers in attendance. The Lord began to deal with me that this would become a divine connection for the furtherance of the school. I approached Bishop Clowers about becoming the president and visionary of VHBSS. He was overwhelmed, but graciously accepted

the challenge, believing that it was the will of the Lord. My thinking in approaching him was, first of all, I have personally known him for over 40 years. By the way, only in recent years did Bishop Clowers and I recognized that we both grew up in the same Assembly of God Church in Luxora, Arkansas, but at different times (Bishop Clowers is much younger than I!).

The last ten to fifteen years, Bishop Clowers and Bishop Huskins became closely associated in the work of the Kingdom of God. In my heart, I knew he would share the same vision as both Bishop Huskins and I. In addition, he and his fellowship would represent a proper covering for the ministry of the school. He also is in a position, and has the desire, to promote the school in a way that it has not been previously.

The members of the Board of Directors, Apostle Dortch, Prophet Hutchins, and I will be going to the Freemont Conference April 25-29 to transfer the leadership of the school to Bishop Clowers and his associated ministers. The conference will be honoring the Family Worship Center's 25th anniversary, as well as Bishop Clowers' 50th year in ministry. There will be a ceremonial recognition of Bishop Clowers' new role as the leader of VHBSS. At that time, the Board of Directors of VHBSS will confer upon him an honorary doctoral degree to recognize his dedicated ministry of fifty years. It will be a special occasion that we are looking forward to.

The members of the Board of Directors will continue in that role under Bishop Clowers' oversight for a season, in addition to those directors that he senses will be qualified for such positions. I will assume the title of Chancellor Emeritus, which is an honorary position. I will also continue as an advisor to Bishop Clowers in any capacity that he sees fit.

The future of Vineyard Harvester Bible School and Seminary has a very bright future. I have a great sense of relief that the school will continue on to fulfill the original vision of Bishop David Huskins. I will certainly be available to answer any questions that any student may have concerning their continued studies. As of April 25, the full responsibility of the school will be that of Bishop Clowers, and he will be the one with whom you would correspond.

At this stage of life, I feel that God has promised me personally a legacy that has been established through 60 years of ministry that includes the past 20 years

associated with VHBSS. My desire is to further leave for the future generation that which God has committed to me through my lifetime. That will be through the work of the school as well as any further writings that I will do.

May God's richest blessings be upon all of us, in Jesus' name! Amen and Amen!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Meadors