

State of the University
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During these trying economic times, concerned individuals are asking us about the future and wellbeing of the Lord's work at Heritage Christian University.

Although we are experiencing some serious challenges, we believe our future is stable and secure. There are several reasons for our realistic optimism.

First, the Lord has brought us through difficult situations in the past. We know that He is faithful and that He will continue to care for His own. When people ask us how we are dealing with the current economic crisis, our response is consistent: we are working as hard as we possibly can, and the battle belongs to the Lord.

Second, we are blessed with broad support across the nation. In the past year, over 200 congregations – as well as a multitude of individual Christians – partnered with us.

Third, we have a substantial endowment that allows us long-range strength and viability. While we, like most others across the nation, have sustained losses in recent months, our conservative investments have left us in a better position than many. We are confident that patience and time will leave us stronger than ever.

A few days ago, it was announced that our accreditation has been reaffirmed through 2019. Our graduate program was also included in the reaffirmation. Our current faculty is the strongest we have ever had, and our board is solid and committed. Our staff and students remain dedicated. Enrollment is trending upward. In summary, good things are happening at Heritage Christian University.

So, our message to all of the Heritage family is, "Let not your hearts be troubled." All recessions eventually come to an end, and we firmly believe brighter days are ahead.

Our promise to you is that we will be candid and upfront as we continue to weather the economic storm. We promise to remain focused on our mission – leading the lost to Christ by recruiting, educating, and encouraging communicators of the gospel.

Please let us know what we can do for you. Together we will continue to make a difference across the country and around the world.