

## FAQs

### How much is given to ministerial students?

There is no set amount established at this time; however, the fund does NOT fully fund a student's education.

### Is there a deadline for the scholarship?

This is a rolling scholarship. As such, there is no deadline. We assist students at various times throughout the year.

### How long is the process?

Normally it will take one to three months. Time is needed for the Siler Committee to meet and evaluate applications. Then an interview must be scheduled. However, the church must approve the recommendations of the Siler Committee and distribute the approved funds. The church holds quarterly business meetings in January, April, July, and October. This is the greatest issue regarding the time frame for scholarship approval.

### Can a person apply for a scholarship more than once?

Yes, the scholarship recipients can renew their scholarship annually. There is an abbreviated application that they will need to complete which will include an update of your progress.

### How will the approved scholarship funds be disbursed?

Once a scholarship has been approved, then 50% of the approved amount will be sent to the college or seminary in which the student is enrolled. The final 50% will be awarded once the coursework has been completed. No funds will be awarded until the recipient is officially enrolled and accepted. If a Siler Memorial Scholar drops out during a semester or does not pass the classwork for "any" reason, then the final payment will not be made.

**Blue Creek Baptist Church**  
1251 Burgaw Hwy.  
Jacksonville, NC 28540



# Blue Creek

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**Working together with the Siler Family since 1974 to help those who feel the call of God to serve Him in the ministry.**

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Or email our pastor at  
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### Services

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30 PM  
(Meal served before Bible Study at 6:00)



# Siler

## MEMORIAL FUND



*In memory of Rev. Tasso Wirt  
Siler and Mary P. Siler*





*Spreading the light of the Jesus through the equipping of new ministers of the Gospel.*

### **What are the requirements for the Siler Memorial Scholarship?**

These requirements are more clearly delineated in the application packet. Call the church office to obtain your packet or go to our website at [bluecreekbaptist.com](http://bluecreekbaptist.com).

- Applicant is preparing for some field of ministry within a church setting
  - ☆ Pastors
  - ☆ Assistant Pastors
  - ☆ Music, Children's, and Youth Directors
- Applicant is enrolled in an accredited college or seminary committed to the fundamental truth and doctrines of God's Word.
- Applicant affirms their belief in key tenets of our faith and practice
- Applicant has a financial need.
  - ☆ Supporting documentation may be required
- Applicant shows that he has a likelihood of success in his coursework and determination to complete his studies
  - ☆ Academic records examined
  - ☆ Recommendations required
  - ☆ Interview required



# SILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**In memory of Rev. Tasso Wirt and Mary P Siler**

A need-based scholarship to assist those who are called to full-time gospel ministry.



### History of the Scholarship Fund

Rev. Tasso Siler came out of retirement in January of 1960 to pastor the Blue Creek Baptist Mission in the Southwest section of Jacksonville. The mission was founded through the efforts of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. Pastor Siler passed away after serving just two months as pastor; however, his wife, Mary, continued to actively serve Blue Creek Baptist Church until her passing in 1974. At her death, the Siler family formed this scholarship fund as a memorial to Tasso and Mary Siler and entrusted it to Blue Creek Baptist Church for its administration.

Blue Creek Baptist Church contributes to this fund annually as does the Siler family. Scores of ministerial students have been helped through this fund.

### Purpose of the Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the scholarship fund is to aid those who feel called of God into full-time ministry in a church. The bylaws of the Siler Memorial Fund state,



### **Scholarship Process**

- Obtain a Siler Memorial Scholarship application from the office of Blue Creek Baptist church and return the completed application to the office. Applications can also be found on the Blue Creek Website at [bluecreekbaptist.com](http://bluecreekbaptist.com).
- After receiving your application, you will be contacted by the Siler Memorial Committee to meet with them for a short interview.
- The Siler Committee will then meet to discuss potential scholarship candidates, the amount of aid need, and the amount of funds available. They will then make a recommendation to the church during their next quarterly business meeting regarding their decisions.
- The church will evaluate and approve those candidates for a scholarship and disburse funds. (Please note, all funds will be sent to the college or seminary directly. No funds will be given directly to scholarship recipients.)

"It is our intent that any Protestant, having felt God's call to serve him as a dedicated man of God, would be eligible to apply for a grant. We do feel priority should be given on the basis of greatest need. Other factors include the individual's ability to complete the degree program, their apparent dedication, and their own willingness to contribute."

### Blue Creek Baptist Church

Blue Creek Baptist Church is the trustee of this scholarship fund and has established a special committee within the church to oversee this fund including the finances, identification of worthy recipients, and the reporting to both the church and the Siler family.

