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### Marching Forward Today

Training Faithful Servants for Tomorrow – Today!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thursday, November 8, as an incredibly blessed time at TSBC. I sincerely hope you were able to join us for the dedication of the Walter E. Staten Administrative Services facility and the Clifford L. Marquardt Learning Center (which houses the Henderson Library). Mr. Staten and Dr. Marquardt have dedicated a vast portion of their adult lives to “training faithful servants for tomorrow – today”; it was a joy to celebrate how our Lord has worked through each of these men.

“Rewards and recognition on the final great day will not be based on usefulness, but faithfulness,”  
Robertson McQuilkin

In keeping with the focus on life, work, and dedication of resources, I share with you an unexpected blessing. Last month the pastor and an elder from a local church stopped by TSBC. This church has been faithful throughout the years in supporting TSBC through prayers, financial support, and regular invitations for our students to speak at their services and revivals. The leadership recently decided that they wanted to do more to help students pursue a Christian education and thus asked their congregation to commit to growing a scholarship fund at TSBC. This assembly is not a mega church – it is a relatively small congregation of believers. Yet they are faithful, steady, and firm in the knowledge that God will bless and grow their contribution. I am humbled by their commitment to a monthly scholarship gift, which is in addition to their monthly support of the TSBC general fund. It is not necessarily the money that humbles me, but their dedication to the fulfillment of our Lord’s work and kingdom. Only God knows how this financial sacrifice will impact the world; but I truly believe it will have a positive influence, and that our Lord will continue to work through the common man, through congregations both large and small. Faithfulness truly matters! In cooperation with this effort, I am once again focusing on building the TSBC Scholarship Program. Should you choose to participate, either as part of a church group or as an individual, we will certainly work with you to award your scholarship monies as you desire. If you or your congregation wants to establish a scholarship, please contact us. We are happy to assist you.

With our thoughts on current and new students, we have opened registration for the Spring 2013 semester. A class schedule is enclosed. Please review it. Be sure to contact our Registrar’s Office if you are interested in taking a class. If you know of someone who desires to grow in his/her biblical knowledge, please pass on the schedule for review. If you do not see a small stack of schedules at your church, please contact me, and we will deliver a packet of materials to your pastor or church administrator. Classes start Monday, January 7, 2013. Although that date seems to be far into the future, it is eight weeks from the writing of this letter.

Please continue to pray for *your* college; for the TSBC mission of training faithful students for tomorrow – today, for our students, faculty, and staff, and most importantly, for our continued focus upon Christ.

In his service,

Jack Finch

*Therefore thus says the Lord God:  
“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation,  
A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;  
Whoever believes will not act hastily.”*

*Isaiah 28:15-17*

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