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Dear Friends in the Lord,

Every few years on a rainy Saturday afternoon, my wife and I go see a movie. It is exciting for us, anticipating seeing a great film, as we get our buttered popcorn and drink, and find the perfect seat. Then the lights dim and the featured presentation begins.

At TSBC, we have a new and unique featured presentation to share with you: it is the “Learning Center.”

The Learning Center at Tri-State Bible College has been faithfully built over the last few years. It encompasses, but is not limited to, the Henderson Library, which contains over twenty thousand volumes to support the curriculum and the learning needs of students, faculty, and staff. It also aids interested patrons in the South Point area, in Akron, Ohio, and many other locations. Further, our Library is a resource for alumni and community members who desire theologically sound resources to support their continued growth in Bible and Christian knowledge.

So, what is the difference between a library and a learning center? A library houses the volumes. A learning center takes the volumes and adds the manpower, tools, and mentoring to make the volumes manageable, comprehensible, and easy to use. A learning center brings the information from the shelf into your life!

The TSBC Learning Center is a place where students of all levels come to find research materials for assignments. It is a location where Internet access is available and computers are ready for meeting learning requirements. It is also a place to find answers to biblical and theological questions. Logos 4™, an incredibly powerful software program, is available under the supervision of our acting librarian and can take patrons to amazing places to find surprising answers. Perhaps, most importantly, our Learning Center is a place where students attend small classes and develop significant tools that will help them in their respective ministries for the rest of their lives.

Most of you know Dr. Clifford Marquardt. When we found ourselves in need of a librarian with a Masters in Library Science, Dr. Marquardt took on the challenge of returning to school (at 73) to earn his 4th advanced degree in (you guessed it) Library Science. I cannot express the blessings his endeavor has rained down on TSBC. Not only do we have an ABHE approved librarian, but also we have a leader and mentor who is developing the Learning Center. Whether our students need to talk to someone who has worked in the pastorate; someone who has juggled family, job, school, and ministry; or someone who is attacking school later in life; Dr. Marquardt is able to sympathize, emphasize, and direct.

The Learning Center also ties into our “Veteran Friendly” status and houses a veteran’s display. We want to make it clear that veterans are always welcome and encouraged at TSBC, and that we have an ongoing respect for those that have paid the price to keep us free. Dr. Marquardt makes this real by not only being a veteran, but also working as a chaplain at the local VA hospital.

The Learning Center is growing and here to serve you! I encourage you to stop by TSBC soon and visit the Learning Center. Whether you walk through the stacks, conduct some online research, or simply read a magazine by the fireplace, we pray you find God’s blessings in all you do.

We are grateful you are part of the TSBC family.

In His Service,

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