Tri-State Bible College

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Dear Friends in Christ,

THE SHOFAR

Marching Forward

Training Faithful Servants for Tomorrow - Today!

"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him" (Revelation 1:7). As we were returning from the ABHE conference, flying on top of the clouds, I thought of this scripture. I am blessed with the comfort in knowing that God always keeps his promises.

We returned from the ABHE conference invigorated by our Lord's work at TSBC. We are preparing for graduation, our yearly banquet, summer semester, and the Masters Program.

<u> A Visit By An Angel</u>

For a few moments last month, I really thought an angel had visited *your* school! I was working in my office when a gentleman walked in and said he wanted to give TSBC "some money." Only few words were exchanged, then he handed me a \$5,000 check and quickly left campus. No one saw him arrive or depart. We discovered he was briefly a student in 1982. Praise God for this man's faithfulness, his timely gift, and the blessing God worked through him.

Looking for Barnabas?

As Barnabas encouraged Paul, I am inviting you to encourage a TSBC student by whatever means you are lead. Our students all struggle. They have need of prayer, counsel, cards of support, finances, and mentors. If God moves your heart to get involved, please call Bobby Mercer at TSBC. She will pair you with a student who is in need of the gifts you would like to offer. I praise God for your commitment to those striving to complete their TSBC education while learning to be faithful servants for tomorrow.

<u>Summer Semester</u>

Our summer class schedule will be available soon. Summer is an excellent time to sharpen your knowledge of God's Word. Please encourage your friends and family to consider taking a class at TSBC this summer. An ABHE seminar shared a research project documenting the differences found when comparing believers who are engaged daily in God's Word to believers who are not engaged daily. Those engaged are 228% more likely to share their faith, 231% more likely to disciple others, 416% more likely to financially give to their church body, and most struggle less with day-to-day life. I share this data for those who might become more engaged by attending a class at TSBC.

March 18-22, 2013

- Please join us for a spaghetti lunch on Thursday, March 21, anytime between 11:00 and 1:00. We are inviting our Shofar family in the hopes that we may fellowship.
- You and the Tri-State community are invited to sit in on any of our classes Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22. This is part of our newly instituted Visitor's Week, which has a goal of sharing with our community the opportunities at TSBC. Available classes include Church History, Greek, Acts, Romans, Survey of Missions, Old Testament History Books, Dispensationalism, Spiritual Life, Principles of Bible Study, Major Prophets, Bible Geography, and many others. For a complete schedule, please call the college.
- We will be hosting a Chapel service at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 21 as part of Mission's Week. Speakers are Necia Freeman (Backpacks & Brown Bags ministry) and Dr. Steve Willis, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Kenova. Please plan to attend and feel free to invite a guest.

Our Ministry Partners

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