



Dear Friend of Faith Bible College,

It has been a wonderful first semester as President of FBC. We taught six different classes this spring to students ranging from 19 to 92 years old. Many joined us in March for a fruitful fundraising banquet with Benjamin Watson of the Baltimore Ravens. The First Annual Hap Struthers Cup golf tournament was played at Sewells Point, and it was great to honor student achievement at a graduation ceremony last month. As we now begin our summer term and make plans for our fall line-up of courses, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you where we are headed in advancing the Kingdom of God in Hampton Roads and the world.

**Matching Financial Campaign:** A few FBC supporters have joined to contribute \$12,500 toward a matching fund drive to invest in the future of our college. This exciting opportunity to reach \$25,000 will help spread our message, reach accreditation, and expand our course offerings. God is blessing FBC!

**Broadcasting Our Message:** Ministry is personal, and so is our instruction. We have an incredible mission, and our college is like no other. Our students love learning in our personal setting. We have an outstanding team of instructors, and our student to teacher ratio is small. The tuition rate is affordable thanks to our faithful financial donors. Our classes are even offered at times that fit the busiest of life and work schedules. So, why don't we have more students? Because we are still relatively unknown to potential students. We need to do a better job of promoting ourselves as a premiere resource for Hampton Roads to strengthen Christians and develop leaders within the local church. To remedy the situation we have plans for a web and social media marketing strategy. We have received just over \$16,000 designated for a professionally-run campaign, but we need \$9,000 more to enter into contract. Please consider helping us make our name known to potential students in the format they use to receive information—the web and social media.

**Reaching Accreditation:** We are currently in Candidate status with ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) and are tracking toward full accreditation at the beginning of 2020. Accreditation will attract more students who desire a program leading to a degree and will better allow FBC to enter into agreements to transfer FBC credits to four-year schools. The greatest obstacle standing in the way of accreditation for us, however, is having a library that supports all of our course offerings in a single on-site location accessible to students.

We are in negotiation with our property manager to increase the square footage of our current space to allow for a library expansion project to suit our needs for the next eight years. We secured a professional designer to produce a space layout plan to house our library and more than double our classroom space within this footprint. We would like to contract the construction renovation required to accomplish this expansion in May 2018. We have less than one year to raise the expected \$35,000 it will take to bring our 7,500 volume library into the FBC space and double the classroom capacity. Would you please consider helping us raise \$35,000 to become fully accredited and configure our classrooms for additional students?

**Expanding Course Offerings:** We have already reduced our overhead costs over the past few months to save for the future. At the same time, we have expanded our course offerings into the area of practical and applied ministry. Beginning in the Fall Semester 2017, FBC will start a 'Qualification in Ministry Leadership,' a 15 credit hour battery of instruction, specifically designed to partner with pastors to strengthen the local church. Small group leaders, deacons, ministry directors, and prayer warriors will now be able to streamline a grouping of courses to become academically qualified to serve the church in leadership positions. This program will complement our 31 credit hour Certificate in Biblical Studies and our 63 credit hour Associates Degree. Your financial contributions are needed to help us keep our tuition rate at the unbelievably low rate of \$150 a credit hour.

We need your help. Please continue or begin a financial partnership with Faith Bible College. Please pray for Faith Bible College's summer and the future. Summer term, when we have very low tuition revenue, is always a challenge for us.

Thank you and may God richly bless you,

Shannon Terhune  
President



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*Teaching  
others to  
know God  
and to make  
Him known*

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Dr. Hap Struthers  
President Emeritus

*“The people who  
know their God  
will be strong  
and take action.”*

*Daniel 11:32b*

And I add my best wishes to you, dear friend of Faith Bible College!

As Shannon has outlined, Faith Bible College is at the crossroads of a far reaching contribution to Christ’s kingdom. Will we by faith seize the opportunity that God lays before us? Our new president has detailed the fiscal resources required to seize the future. Recruitment, finances and accreditation are our three immediate mountains. He is envisioning numerous new and very practical courses which can equip church leaders to more effectively fulfill their calling in their local churches.

The financial need of \$35,000 to meet the accreditation requirement for a library in which all our resources can be located on site is an especially challenging mountain. Perhaps one, two or three of you would be called of God to not only invest in this vital project but to fully fund it. What a privilege to lay up treasures in heaven versus here on earth. And then there is the \$9,000 mountain in restructuring an effective website and an effective social media avenue for communicating FBC to the greater Hampton Roads area.

Zechariah, Haggai and Zerubbabel faced the mountain of rebuilding the temple after the Babylonian captivity. God told them it could not be accomplished by their might, power and strength but “by My Spirit.” Then the LORD added, “What are you, Oh great mountain? ...you will become a plain! ...with shouts of Grace, Grace to it!” Bev and I are investing in these fiscal mountains both in our prayers and giving. Let’s together by God’s grace pray and give to make these mountains a plain. A loving “Thank You” to all of you who have prayed and given sacrificially in the past, and we are already praising the Lord for what He is going to accomplish through each of us in the days ahead. “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you!”  
Philippians 1:3.

Rejoicing always,

Hap Struthers  
President Emeritus