

Faith Bible College Summer 2022 President's Letter



Dr. Kevin Newman
President

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Matthew 28:11-15

In his book, *Keep on Asking*, Ron Haas shares insights from this account. He noted that the soldiers who guarded the tomb of Jesus had one job: to make the tomb secure (Mt 27:65). But man has never been able to hold back God, and Jesus rose the third day! His resurrection is the cornerstone of all that we as Christians believe!

The religious leaders knew that if people heard about the resurrection, they would lose power and authority. So, Haas observes, they became the first major donors to try to stop the Good News. The money they gave to the soldiers was used to promote a lie and endorse the first anti-Christian campaign. Today we continue to see lies promoted and funded by those who oppose Christ and His truth.

Haas reminds us that the world has great fundraisers who can raise huge sums of money to promote lies and oppose God and His people. Faith Bible College will never have enough money to fight dollar for dollar with the world. But our weapons are not the weapons of this world (2 Cor 10:4) and we have the Lord on our side to fight our battles (2 Chron 32:8)!

The lies of the leaders and the soldiers seemed to work back then. But today we know that the Good News was proclaimed, and that God's people were and always are victorious. The Enemy may always have bigger budgets than we do, but God owns all things and uses His people to provide for ministries like Faith Bible College!

God has called FBC to teach the Word of God so that His people may be Grounded in the Word, Growing in Christ, and Giving Back to the Church. This past year FBC was able to expand and begin a bachelor's degree program in order to continue to equip God's people. We also hear from our students how classes have changed their lives and encouraged them to become more active in ministry. As we come to the end of this fiscal year, we ask that you pray to see how God might use you to suppress the lies of this world and promote the Truth of the Bible by giving to Faith Bible College!

In His Service,

Kevin

Dr. Kevin D. Newman, ThD
President

"FBC has become the backbone of helping me to grow spiritually to help others who want to seek the Lord through studying His Word."

~ Page, FBC student

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Thank you!



Dr. Hap Struthers
President Emeritus

A Word from our President Emeritus



My dear friends,

What a thrill it has been for me to be a part of FBC these past 26 years. And what an honor it is to be able to continue teaching this Fall Semester. Why? On the night before the Lord Jesus was crucified He prayed two key truths in the presence of His disciples in John 17. What He prayed is the driving force behind everything we do at FBC: (1) Jesus prayed, *This is eternal life, that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* God sent His Son into the world to reveal the Father (John 1:18), to help us to know Him. (2) Continuing, Jesus prayed (vs. 18), *As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.* Hence...our passion at FBC is to invest in precious students who will develop an intimate relationship with their Lord and will be passionate to share Him with others from their Jerusalem to the ends of the world.

How thankful we are for you and our other faithful donors who share this same vision with us. But many of us are coming down the home stretch of life and need to consider how we can continue to invest in God's kingdom work after we graduate to be with the Lord. I will be 94 in a few weeks, and I can see Bev in the rear-view mirror. We realize our years are limited. As we have pondered this and how we can continue to invest in FBC's mission to prepare students to know God intimately and to carry out Christ's great commission, we decided to place FBC and our precious students in our wills. We did not do this reluctantly but eagerly. We give regularly now to the school, but since our assets belong to the Lord we want to put feet to our prayer, *Thy kingdom come.* We do not reveal this to receive praise from you but to urge you to prayerfully consider doing likewise. Laying up treasures in Heaven is the only way to go in this life. And what a God-given opportunity we have to invest in students even when we are in Heaven. Most of you have already prepared wills or trusts to prepare for that eventual graduation day. I would eagerly ask you to prayerfully consider placing Faith Bible College in your Will or Trust. And I am not in the least reluctant or ashamed to recommend this. Yes, our loved ones are in our will/trust, but FBC is also the love of our hearts because we have seen what God has already accomplished in the lives of our students. But also by faith we see the potential impact future students will have in kingdom work until Jesus' return. If you need assistance in making adjustments to your will or trust we can recommend trusted legal people who can assist you.

Again, thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support over the years. Soon after I was saved as a teenager I wrote in my Bible: *Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last.* May I apply this same truth to our assets: *Only a few assets, 'twill soon be past; only what's invested for Christ will last!*

Investing in eternity,

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Hap Struthers, PhD
President Emeritus