

## Faith Bible College Winter 2022 President's Letter



Dr. Kevin Newman  
President

How big is your footprint? I'm not talking about the size of your shoe or foot. We use the term footprint today to talk about how much of an impact we are making on the environment as we speak of a carbon footprint. Or how much of our personal information is on the internet when we refer to our digital footprint. But let's focus on our Eternal Footprint.

Our Eternal Footprint refers to what we are doing in this life that will impact eternity and the Kingdom of Heaven. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 that we are all building something in this life. But only what is done for Christ will last into eternity. All the rest of our endeavors and investments will burn up like wood, hay or stubble. This is our Eternal Footprint.

We enlarge our Eternal Footprint by impacting the lives of others in a positive manner and enabling the Gospel of God to be proclaimed around the world. Faith Bible College is training students to impact the world for Christ. Some of that impact is taking place here in Hampton Roads or in the United States, but it is also reaching around the world.

FBC is training missionaries from around the world and at home, and military veterans who have already been around the world and now are making an impact for the Kingdom of God (but now are being denied federal funding through the GI Bill® to pursue their training at FBC). In addition to these students, God is starting to open doors to train students internationally in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and many Hispanic countries around the globe.

Your Year End financial gift to Faith Bible College will enable us to continue to train students who are impacting eternity for Christ! You can also leave a lasting legacy by signing up for Estate or Planned Giving that sets aside finances to be given to FBC after God takes you home to be with Him. Both of these options allow you to increase the size of your Eternal Footprint!

Back in 1990 Ray Boltz wrote a song\* entitled "Thank You For Giving To The Lord." In this song he imagines being in heaven and being approached by people he had never met on earth but were in heaven because of his Eternal Footprint. The chorus to this song states, "Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave." By supporting Faith Bible College financially (and prayerfully) there may be a line of people to meet you with a resounding "Thanks!"

In His Service,

*Kevin*

Dr. Kevin D. Newman, ThD  
President

\*Boltz, Ray. "Thank you Lord for Giving to the Lord" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-3BJrG79IA>

*Through the generosity of many of you, God provided **\$28,975** through Giving Tuesday!  
This is a terrific start to our Year End goal. Thank you!*

*Please continue praying that we are able to raise the finances needed to support  
our students as they make their Eternal Footprints for God's glory!*

## ***A Word from our President Emeritus***



Dr. Hap Struthers  
President Emeritus

Dear Friends,

This week I heard a beautiful choir sing *O Holy Night, O night divine*. Truly it was the most awe-inspiring night when God became a helpless baby to reveal His love for us. Then this week I was reading 1 Timothy 4:8 where Paul tells young Timothy *For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come*. We usually think of *godliness* as doing godly things. So I researched the word more closely and found that its root meaning is to stand back from something out of fear or awe with a prefix expressing abundance. Thus the word expresses a sense of deep, awe-inspiring reverence as we contemplate the majesty, holiness and sheer awesomeness of our God and Savior, the Lord Jesus who was born on that *O Holy Night* in Bethlehem. The Psalmist expressed it as meditating on the *glorious splendor of Thy majesty*, Psalm 145:5. This then is the meaning of the word *godliness* which Paul urges Timothy to eagerly pursue and treasure.

Christmas and the New Year of 2023 are fast approaching. What does 2023 hold for each of us? 2022 witnessed our country's moral and spiritual downward spiral. The LGBTQ+ sexual revolution leaped forward; and our courts continued to sideline and even eradicate God, the Bible, and any facet of our country's godly heritage. How will we, who hold God and the Bible as the bedrock of our families, society, and nation, respond? Hide our faces and wish things to improve? Never! God has called Faith Bible College to confront this godless tsunami head on by restoring the authority and supremacy of the Bible to its indispensable role in our nation's fabric. We may be few in number, but God is not bound by numbers as we learned from Gideon and his faithful, God-fearing 300. God will deal with the ungodliness of our nation as Paul states in Romans 1:18, *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness*. God has called FBC to not only train students to help stem this ungodly tsunami but to stimulate and model godliness in their lives.

We appreciate your prayers and financial support over the years and feel confident of your continued support. May God give each of you and your families a blessed Christmas, and may godliness resonate in our daily lives as we worship God the Father and His Son who was born on that most *O Holy Night!*

Our Savior reigns,

*Hap*

Hap Struthers, PhD  
President Emeritus

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