

## **TEXAS BAPTIST INSTITUTE & SEMINARY 2021 REPORT**

Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary (TBI) is having a powerful school year. We began the 2021-2022 year with 115 students enrolling in all manners of delivery including on-campus and online. Our online presence continues to grow with the anticipation of continued growth in both manners of delivery. Currently, we have students not only from Texas, but several other states as well as the countries of Japan, South Korea, Swaziland, Columbia, and Philippines.

We have new applications for the upcoming Spring semester and already for the 2022 – 2023 school year. There is much interest Association-wide in the work of TBI. This interest helps the school with not only prospective students but prospective support in several areas. We greatly appreciate it when a call is received stating support will be coming from a new church or individual.

Several changes have been made in this current school year. We moved from quarter-hour classes to traditional semester hour classes. This may appear to be a simple move, but it has been challenging. No previous credits have been lost, but the transferring to semester hours has been tedious. I appreciate our staff handling this change in a proper manner.

In changing to semesters, we have gone from 12 week trimesters to 16 week semesters. Faculty has had to meet this challenge and done well. I greatly appreciate the work of our faculty. Also, concerning faculty, there have been changes in faculty. Bro. Roy Culley and Bro. Darrell Owens are no longer teaching. Bro. Robert Brock has announced this will be his last year to teach. These men have taught for decades and will be missed, but God is providing new faculty to take their places. Change happens and it is our responsibility to follow God's will through the changes.

Another change that we are looking forward to will be reaching full accreditation in February of 2023. We will appear before the Commission on Accreditation of the Association of Biblical Higher Education for the decision. Prior to this, our Administration and Staff will have completed and filed a major report, hosted a site-team visit and prepared for this important step. Please pray for this to be accomplished.

This year we began offering a Bachelor of Theology with an emphasis in Missions/Church Planting. This is an equipping degree. I urge sponsoring churches to encourage their missionaries to take a class or pursue the degree. These students will automatically receive a 50% discount off tuition and the sponsoring church could provide the other 50%. As with all classes, the Missions/Church Planting classes are offered in house and on-line.

We continue to upgrade our campus. Trustees approved a bid for the construction of a new maintenance facility. With the completion of this facility two older buildings will be torn down. Other upgrades are in planning stages as well as the possibility of a student center in the future. Thank you Trustees for leading in these projects.

Please pray for all our schools. Please consider supporting all our schools in the American Baptist Association. Come and see us at TBI or if you would like a representative of TBI to come and give a report to your church please contact the school.

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