



# Trumpet Newsletter

**TSBC MISSION STATEMENT:**  
The mission of the Tri-State Bible College is to "Train Faithful Servants for Tomorrow—Today" by offering a biblically oriented program which provides for a thorough knowledge of the Bible and for the ability to use effectively the Word of God in Christian living and Christian service.

## Graduation 2008



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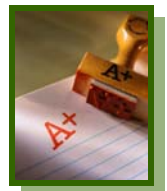


2008 graduates from right to left are: Buddy Roger Goble and Billy M. Jordan (*Certificate of Biblical Studies*), Melvin O. Freeman, Jr. and Steven Eugene Strong (*Associate of Arts Degree*), and Michael Kevin Burdick (*Bachelor of Arts in Bible/Theology Degree*).

the graduates stayed for refreshments and fellowship following the commencement exercise. The college gladly reports that each graduate is actively involved in ministry and plans to pursue studies that will lead to a higher degree. Pray for each of the above mentioned graduates as he serves the Lord in his respective ministry opportunity.

Congratulations to the above graduates! Commencement was held at First Southern Baptist Church in South Point, Ohio. Thanks to Pastor

Ricky Kirk and the fine people of First Southern who graciously allowed the college the use of their facilities for this event. Families & friends of



### Special points of interest:

- Board raises \$15,000
- Speaker receives Alumnus of the Year Award
- Online program attracts students from across the United States
- Free class on **Philippians May 30—June 27, 2009**

## Reaching Students via Online Technologies

Students from various parts of the United States have signed up for online classes. An RN from Vancouver, WA has recently completed eight hours of study online. She and her husband are pursuing a missionary

career with Aviation Missionary Fellowship. Also, two students, one from Greenville, SC, and another from Prestonsburg, KY, are studying courses in Bible that normally would be impossible apart from online

education. Additional courses are being added with the ultimate goal of having all of the college's programs available online.





**Alumnus of the Year  
Pastor Jim Johnson**

## *Speaker and Alumnus of the Year*

Jim Johnson, senior pastor since 1995 of Longview Fellowship Church in Longview, Texas, was the recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award from Tri-State Bible College given at its recent May 4, 2008, graduation ceremony at First Southern Baptist Church in South Point, Ohio. This award is given to a graduate of the college whose life has

exemplified the following three factors based on 2 Timothy 2:15: Christian character, Christian service and loyalty to the Word of God. Jim is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and has been associated with Longview Fellowship Church since his graduation in 1986. Pastor Johnson was the featured speaker for the college's

commencement exercises. His message to the graduates emphasized their need for being channels through which the Lord could do His work. Congratulations to Pastor Jim Johnson for being the recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award and many thanks for a challenging message.

## *Galatians is a Success!!!*



Thanks to Pastor Larry Greene and the fine people at River Cities Church in Huntington,

WV, the study in the book of Galatians by Professor Manfred Langer has been completed successfully and was a blessing to all who attended. An average of forty students came for the five Saturday sessions and

enjoyed the edification, fellowship and refreshments. Next year's class, May 30 through June 27, will be on the Epistle to the Philippians. Further announcements concerning the details will be forthcoming.

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\$50,000



\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

## *Board Strategy*



The College Board, during its recent strategic planning session, has decided to establish an emergency fund amounting to \$50,000. This would enable the college to reach the 1.5% financial ratio required by the United States Department of

Education. Furthermore, it would satisfy the compliance issue with the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Finally, it would eliminate the need for a Letter of Credit and save the college time and additional expenses. This fund is

now at the \$15,000 level through sacrificial gifts from board members. Your prayerful consideration of helping with this strategic goal would be appreciated.

