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Dear Friends,

Where is the snow? So many conversations focus on this being the mildest winter ever experienced by many of us. The birds are nesting, lilies are blooming, and other spring activities are occurring two months ahead of schedule. However, our conversations at TSBC remain centered on the learner.

A team consisting of Chancellor Marquardt, Vice President of Academic Affairs Kinney, Vice President of Finance Hester, Vice Chancellor Norwood from Akron, and me will be attending the 65th Annual ABHE Conference in Orlando, Florida, from Feb. 22 through Feb. 25. Our TSBC team focus is to learn from others at a national level of higher education. The knowledge we gain will be shared with staff and faculty to enhance our institution and communicate the latest developments in education.

Our student spotlight this month is on Jenny May. She is a 40-year-old devoted wife and mother of two who is pursuing a deeper understanding of the Hebrew language. Her family attends services at Sanctuary of Grace in Proctorville, OH. Jenny and her family are active in LinkUp Ministries, and reach out to needy children in the name of Jesus in the 20th Street neighborhood of Huntington, WV.

Chapel services this semester have been outstanding! Most recently, Pastor Don Weeks of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Ona, West Virginia, spent an evening with us. Pastor Weeks served as a missionary in Bolivia, South America for 7 years, and is still involved with a small congregation in the capital city of Sucre. He presented a message to our TSBC family on I Timothy 1:15 “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” Pastor Don reminded us that the inspired Word of God is filled with faithful sayings—sayings that are worthy of all acceptance. He challenged us to be faithful in serving God and presenting Jesus Christ to the lost.

I am reminded of a John Blanchard quote: “Walking by faith means being prepared to trust where we are not permitted to see.” As we at TSBC continue to walk by faith, please know that your prayers and support never go unnoticed and we are most thankful for you.

In His Service,

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

Ephesians 3:20-21