

# THE LAMPLIGHT

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"*  
(Psalm 119:105 - NKJV)

*"For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light;  
Reproofs of instruction are the way of life"*  
(Proverb 6:23 - NKJV)

## OUR GREATEST NEED

*By Reverend Doctor James E. Scott*

As we come to the end of another semester as well as another year, I take this opportunity to thank God for meeting needs. Some might say that they are still struggling, the economy is not what it should be, the health of many is waning and the list could go on and on. However we must keep focused on our "greatest" need especially at this time of the year, our Christmas season. And what might that be? I'm so glad the question was asked and I'm equally as glad that a succinct holiday greeting card by Roy Lessin provided the answer. "If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator; if our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist; if our greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist; if our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent an entertainer; **but** (Watch Out For the Buts) our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a SAVIOR" As we continue through this Christmas season and into the new year remember this passage from the bible: "*But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19 KJV). God has spoken, let Triangle Bible Institute (TBI) and the church say AMEN!   Ω



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## Paraclete

### Faith: the question of assurance

***“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13 NIV)***

Anyone who denies that a believer can have assurance of salvation will have a difficult time getting around this text. Over against the incipient Gnosticism which held that knowledge was far superior to simple faith, John insists that those who have faith in Christ also have knowledge – the knowledge that they have eternal life. Not just an elite group among believers, not just those who have received some special revelation, but all true believers may and should know that they have eternal life. Even Peter who says, ***“Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10),”*** urging us to strengthen our assurance that we have been effectually called and chosen by God to salvation. Assurance of salvation must therefore be both possible and desirable. Paul in Romans 8:16 advises, ***“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”*** The words ‘testifies with’ are in the present tense, indicating that this is a continuing witness. The testimony of the Spirit here described is a joint witness with that of our own spirit. The Holy Spirit, in other words, confirms the witness of our own spirit that we are children of God – that testimony by the Holy Spirit is a lifelong continuous action which works through various types of experiences and trials.



TBI REFERENCE  
LIBRARY

**To commemorate Martin Luther King’s birthday, TBI Reference Library will open its doors to church members, ministers, students, faculty, alumni and friends on January 16, 2012 from 11am until 3pm. From then on, hours of operations will be from 5pm until 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As some claim, American’s Prophet –the drum major – who looked into the consciousness of this country and changed it forever will be honored as a prelude to Black History Month.**

*Have a joyous holiday season remembering  
that Jesus is the reason. . . . .*



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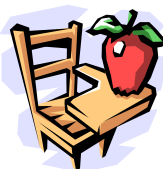
## *An explanation from the Registrar:*

TBI offers classes to accommodate our students. These classes fall into four categories:

In-Class Courses – Classes are taught 2 ½ to 3 hours per class, one day a week by a TBI professor.

Self-paced Survey Courses – They are courses which are self-taught by the student, while following TBI instructors guidelines. These classes may meet every other week or have optional attendance requirements. However, in all cases, a mandatory introductory and closing class is required.

Independent Study Courses or Independent Research Courses – In these courses the student is assigned research questions or a subject or subjects to gain knowledge of a particular book of the Bible, a theological subject or a particular area of study. A minimum of classroom attendance is required, but is determined by each individual instructor. There are also strict time restraints in completing these courses.



SPRING SEMESTER

CLASSES 2012

We missed our class offerings in mid-December. We will have our line-up prior to start of the Spring Semester. That information will be forwarded via email to student and potential students.



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## Spring 2012 Academic Calendar

December 19 – January 06

January 9

January 14

January 16

February 3

February 10

February 20

March 9

March 19-24

April 2 – 7

April

April 30 – May 5

May 12

May 19

Ceremony

Registration

Classes Begin

Survey Classes Begin

MLK Birthday (No Classes)

Last day to register

Last day to drop class (No Refund)

President's Day (Class in Session)

Deadline to apply for Graduation

Mid-Term Examination week

Easter Recess

Happy Easter

Final Examinations

Graduation Rehearsal

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement/Awards



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