Checking the Facts: Capital Bible Seminary Looks to a Strong and Positive Future

Speaking of Himself as the Truth, Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). All truth is like that, it frees us from the binding impact of misinformation.

If you have ever led change that seeks to bring honor to God and to advance His Kingdom, you know that facts get misunderstood and misinformation is inevitable. Worse yet, because it is God's work, the enemy heartily promotes misunderstandings. Of course, the answer is always truth. Because facts have a way of dispelling myths and misunderstandings, I will focus on facts in this post. What are the facts regarding the status and the future of Capital Bible Seminary? Allow me to share seven facts with you.

Fact #1: The name "Capital Bible Seminary" will continue to be used to describe the programs of the Seminary acquired by LBC. While it is possible that the name may change at some point in time, LBC intends to operate the Seminary with no immediate plans for a name change, especially in the absence of any review or due consideration. One of the exciting things God is doing, through LBC's acquisition of the programs of CBS, is to build a stronger, brighter, and expanding future for Capital Bible Seminary.

Fact #2: No changes are being made to the schedule for this spring. Assuming classes have adequate enrollment, all classes are being offered as stated in the schedule. Any changes will only be made out of necessity. In the future, changes will be made to enhance the availability of courses to students and to make sure those courses fit the life situation experienced by adult learners.

Fact #3: The CBS faculty assigned to teach in the spring term will teach their courses as assigned with only a few exceptions. LBC has hired most of the faculty of CBS for the spring semester. Because of the transitional nature of this acquisition occurring mid-year, faculty appointments for the 2013-14 academic year will be made through-out the coming semester.

Fact #4: Unfortunately, WBC/CBS has lost its certification to operate in Virginia. This is a major concern to LBC. LBC must now apply for permission to operate in Virginia. Please know that LBC is doing everything we can to minimize the impact of this on students. Right now, LBC is working with CBS to address this situation with the State Counsel of Higher Education Commission for Virginia (SCHEV) in order to allow the continuation of classes in VA for the spring term. In the event that the state will not relent in their action against WBC/CBS, LBC is also developing contingency plans that will allow students to continue their studies in alternative ways. These contingency plans include possible schedule changes, delivery system changes, and a venue change if needed. While it is still possible that classes can be held at Forbes Place, LBC leaders are not assuming that will be the case.

Fact #5: All students *must* become students of Lancaster Bible College (your new official degree granting institution standing behind the Seminary) in order to receive financial aid. While Capital Bible Seminary will be the operational name of the seminary programs, LBC will be the degree granting institution. The degree will state "Lancaster Bible College/Capital Bible Seminary".

Fact #6: Your degree is backed by one of the premier institutions of biblical higher education in the entire country. LBC is committed to providing quality educational opportunities ranging from bachelors

to masters and doctoral degree programs. LBC is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (ABHE). As an undergraduate and graduate institution, Lancaster Bible College offers several highly recognized, vibrant and growing graduate programs at both the masters and doctoral levels, programs which some CBS students may want to consider. CBS seminarians will want to note that LBC offers the highest of degree program levels available in higher education, the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). This degree level was not previously available through CBS.

Fact #7: Your degree, issued by Lancaster Bible College, will be recognized by churches, Christian organizations, non-profits, institutions of higher education, and potential employers as one of the finest available for the preparation of ministry leaders. Lancaster Bible College is stable, growing, and academically rigorous.

LBC is committed to keeping the light of biblical higher education on in the Capital Region. Welcome to the LBC family!