



# BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

TRAINING EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LEADERS SINCE 1950

## HISTORIC DAY FOR BBC!

The Bible says, "To everything there is a season." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) This is true for families. This is true for countries. This is true for businesses, and we also believe it is true for colleges. We believe a new season is at hand. And as a result, we are proud to announce that Baptist Bible College is becoming:



# Mission University

Throughout our 75-year history, BBC has produced alumni who have made a significant impact on our country and worldwide. Our founders began with a united mission, to take the good news of Jesus Christ to every city and village in America and to the ends of the earth. That same mission is stronger than ever today.

Just as the Bible talks about seasons, it also talks about names. In new seasons, God gives some a new name. Our new name, Mission University, truly exemplifies our storied past, our present purpose, and our future hopes. This name tells the world that we are committed to fulfilling the mission God has for us.

The decision to change our name wasn't taken lightly. It is the result of deep prayer, much discussion, and a focus on the future. There are many reasons for this change, but the most important is that we felt the clear direction of the Lord in this name and for this time. Please rest assured that our beliefs are the same, our doctrine is the same, and these things will never change! Today is a great day, a historic day, a day worth celebrating. Please join us in celebrating. Please be patient with the process. And most importantly, please pray for us.

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# WHY MISSION UNIVERSITY?

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## New Day

It is a hard time for Christian colleges. Since 2016, 52 non-profit colleges and universities have been forced to close, 15 of those in 2023. Few of you know how close BBC came to being a part of those statistics. The college has faced and overcome substantial crises. When President Milioni arrived in 2012, the College faced serious financial problems. \$1.5 million was owed to local vendors alone. Through much prayer, the support of our ministry partners and alumni, and lots of hard work, those debts were paid. Then, the deteriorating conditions of campus buildings had to be addressed. Major updates to roofs, electrical, and heating systems had to be made to protect the integrity of our buildings. Then, the College was placed on academic probation by the Higher Learning Commission in 2016. Many colleges do not survive this serious accreditation issue, but our team dug in and began the difficult process of reevaluating each and every academic process. These efforts made us stronger, better, and ready to face the future. Probation was removed in 2019, and today, we have the strongest academic standing in our history! These issues had a negative impact on recruiting and enrollment.

**But today is a new day!** Our enrollment has increased by 20% in each of the past three years. We are now in a good position to face the future and are excited about what the future holds!

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## New Way

Our country is facing a culture that is doing everything possible to force its way upon our youth. Most colleges have given in and do all they can to promote liberal agendas and indoctrinate students with alternative, ungodly lifestyles. We have made it very clear who we are. We believe the Bible and what God's Word clearly teaches about creation and sexuality. We are finding many families that are so thankful for a college where biblical morality and biblical worldview are taught.

Our name is changing, but there are many things that will remain the same. Our atmosphere, our heart for the Bible, our purpose, our student life, our love for the local church, a burden for people to know Jesus, and our love for each other will remain. Our school of ministry studies will still be called Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary.

I continue to meet with each prospective student and their family to ensure they understand that we are a small, private, Christian, Bible College, and that every student, regardless of the degree program, is also a Bible major. Students will leave Mission U educated, inspired, and equipped to be effective, Godly leaders!

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# THE MISSION

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Our focus and purpose are summarized in our new mission statement: Mission University educates, inspires, and equips students to serve as effective Christian leaders. This statement is built on three keywords: educate, inspire, and equip. These words also influenced the design of our new seal.

- The Bible is at the center of our seal. Everything we do is based on our belief in the Bible, God's unfailing word.
- The cross inspires us to live a life set apart for Christ, remembering what was accomplished on the cross for each of us.
- The world is where we are called to go, fully equipped to minister in love.
- The shield represents our strong educational foundation, grounded in truth.



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# PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

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**We are ready and trusting God for our great future!**

In order to build, you must have a strong foundation. For the past ten years, we have focused on rebuilding the firm foundation our founders laid. We now have the right personnel, the right atmosphere, the right quality, and the right processes in place. We are ready to accomplish the vision God has set before us!

**Same mission, new name.**

Our mission has always been and will always be to prepare people to take the gospel to the world. This mission has been accomplished by countless alumni who have done just that, and we are preparing students to do the same today.

**Faith amplified, mission magnified.**

This is what Mission University is all about. We help students develop a strong faith that will sustain them as they complete the mission God has called them to do.

## MISSION UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

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**We invite you to join us in supporting Mission University!**

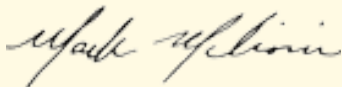
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**Mission.Edu**

You can also mail a check to Mission University/628 E. Kearney St./Springfield, MO 65802

Thank you for loving us and for helping us to accomplish the mission God has given us!

In Christ,



Mark Milioni  
President, Mission University



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