

## **Prayer Letter June 2004**

June 3, 2004

Dear Partners in Ministry,

From time to time it is necessary to take a good look at oneself. An honest appraisal is both necessary and wise. Some things discovered will be considered assets, things to be displayed. Other things will be relegated to the “needs improvement” file. Blessings and cursing are part and parcel of life. Learning from our choices is equally important.

New England Bible College is doing a prudent thing. In this historical benchmark, NEBC is taking the time for self-examination. After all, we are nearing twenty five years of ministry and that is quite an achievement. We need to thank God for His blessings to us. For a quarter of a century, students from New England Bible College have impacted New England and the World for Christ. Our students have pastored leading churches, served with distinction in a variety of ministry settings, and have partnered with missionary organizations. We’ve been blessed!

New England Bible College is a growing community. During the years, we have been blessed with many friends and supporters (Yes, I mean you.) Thank you! Thank you for your many prayers on our behalf. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your encouraging cards and letters. Without your consideration, New England Bible College would not be celebrating this milestone. Our celebration includes you.

Concerns are also part of our heritage. Ministry demands are much more pervasive. We hold ourselves to the highest ethical and moral standards. Therefore, we are continually asking ourselves how we can be better stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. The resources are broad. Our most important resource is our students. How can we best use our time, talent and treasure to shape faithful ministers for Christ? How can we use our faculty, administration, and staff to partner with Christ in the transformation of New England and the World? What is God calling us to be in this day? What type of student is needed to meet the demands of ministry today?

It is with great joy that I share with you that we have added two new members to our leadership team. Rev. Dr. Jack Christensen has agreed to serve as our Chancellor / Interim President. Please be in prayer for him as he once again returns to the helm. His faithful, godly leadership inspires us all! Also Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher has been asked to work with the New England Bible College Board of Trustees and the College administration to serve as Director of Strategic Planning. Al believes in NEBC and has offered to use his gifts to help us refocus our energies, reclaim our vision and help us prepare for our next twenty five years of ministry in New England.

His role is simple, to listen - to listen to God, to listen to the vision for New England Bible College that God has planted deep within our board, faculty, administration and staff, to listen to the needs of New England and the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of our students, to listen to you. Like the others named, you have a vision, a hope and a dream for New England and for this College.

Please pray for New England Bible College in this critical year of examination. Pray for ears to hear and for a renewal of God's vision. Pray for our board, faculty, administration, and staff. Pray for our students. Pray for Jack and Al. Pray for boldness to walk by faith and not by sight.

If you would like Jack to speak at your church, please call the College to arrange a time but whatever you do please join us in partnership. In whatever capacity God is calling you to "work together with us", do it with all your might to the glory of our Savior.

In His Service,

Rev. Robert E. Bell  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**Date to Remember:** October 8 & 9th - Prophetic Conference at the Sheraton in South Portland. Here's your opportunity to hear re-known speakers Dr. Chuck Missler and Dr. Tommy Ice. Please check our website [www.nebc.edu](http://www.nebc.edu) for details. Space is filling fast so register soon to insure your spot.