

As I look back on 2025, I am deeply grateful for the remarkable growth that has been entrusted to our care. The wisdom of literature, particularly Proverbs 4:5–7, reminds us to acquire wisdom and understanding... Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding. We saw wisdom take root within our community—not merely as an abstract concept, but as disciplined practice, spiritual maturity, and faithful obedience.

You embraced wisdom by gaining an understanding in all aspects of your academic and spiritual pursuits. You ensured that wisdom was woven into the fabric of your daily lives and decisions. Through your efforts, wisdom has become a guiding light, shaping both your character and your collective direction.

FBSTIBI has grown through increased enrollment, stronger academic programs, and an enhanced spiritual online environment. The institution has expanded its online Biblical courses and developed new degree programs, reflecting a commitment to learning and growth. Proverbs 5:1 exhorts us, "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding."

In 2025, you leaned in, listened, and allowed God to refine your discourse through study, mentorship, and engagement. By keeping this posture of attentiveness, you demonstrated a commitment to learning and spiritual formation. Your willingness to be shaped through meaningful interactions, whether in the online classroom sessions, through mentorship relationships, or in active participation—has played a crucial role in our collective growth. This focused approach has not only strengthened your understanding but has also positioned us all for the coming season, equipping us to move forward with renewed purpose and clarity.

As we move forward into 2026, it will be a year of movement. Our academic instruction will challenge you to move from comprehension to commission—from learning wisdom to living it boldly. Our approach will be marked by renewed strength and sharp vision. The ministry is changing rapidly, calling for spiritual leaders who are prepared, intentional, and dependent on the Lord. Isaiah 40:31 calls us to rise like eagles, run without tiring, and walk without fainting. Our focus will be on equipping you to engage with the realities of modern ministry through biblical clarity, innovative thinking, and spiritual endurance. Your biblical learning is designed not simply to respond to change but to lead the charge under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I urge you to carry the crown of wisdom with humility and courage. Let grace rest upon your leadership. Let discernment guide your decisions, and let endurance mark your service. The future of God's instructing ministry depends on servants willing to wait on God, listen intently, and act decisively. Our institution is dedicated to supporting you as you get ready for this significant responsibility. Ahead of us lies greater responsibility, greater reach, and greater opportunity to glorify God through excellence in ministry.

More importantly, I would like to extend a cordial welcome to our newly admitted students. You are joining us not by accident, but by divine appointment. You have strengths and talents yet to be developed. There is an entire generation urgently awaiting the impact you will make. Our institution is committed to guiding you as you uncover, cultivate, and eventually share the unique gifts and callings that God has placed within you. As you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider embarking on this significant journey, remember that your voice is important and valued. Every step you take toward spiritual maturity is intentional, shaping you for a future in ministry that is filled with purpose and power.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering dedication, steadfast faithfulness, and your openness to transformation. Your commitment to personal and spiritual growth has inspired and encouraged me throughout this past year. It is a privilege to continue serving as your president, and I am both humbled and honored by the opportunity to walk alongside you on this journey.

As we look ahead to 2026, I am filled with excitement and hope for all that you will do, trusting that God will guide and empower you in the days to come. Together, with God's help, I believe we will achieve remarkable things and continue to grow in wisdom, strength, and purpose.

