

July 2, 2025

Dr. Kevin Newman, President
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Dear President Newman:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This letter is your official notification of ABHE Commission on Accreditation actions relative to Faith Bible College. The ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its June 16, 2025 meeting and took the following action:

Receive the substantive change request for unplanned closure and order Faith Bible College (VA) to show cause why its accreditation should be continued in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution fails to comply with the Accreditation Standards listed below, and require a show cause report addressing the concerns, due September 15, 2025, followed by a focused evaluation visit to review institutional compliance in these areas:

- **Standard 5: EE 2 (Financial stability, including adequate revenue streams to realize institutional mission and sufficient financial reserves to enable effective response to unforeseen financial circumstances and enrollment fluctuations)**
- **Standard 5: EE 5 (Adequate institutional resources, including financial resources, to support its mission, achieve educational goals, and ensure continuity of offerings)**
- **Standard 5: EE 6 (Sufficient personnel to adequately manage and maintain institutional resources)**

Acknowledge receipt of the May 14, 2025, notification from Faith Bible College (VA) indicating that the institution will close, effective June 30, 2025, and voluntarily surrender its ABHE accreditation upon closure. This means the institution will not be accredited by the ABHE Commission on Accreditation as of July 1, 2025. If the closure and voluntary surrender of accreditation are executed as indicated, the Commission on Accreditation waives the show cause report and subsequent focused evaluation visit due to the institution's closure, effective June 30, 2025.

A show cause order is a negative, public action indicating that an institution's accredited status will be withdrawn unless it can provide persuasive evidence that such action should not be taken.

Placement on show cause does not become final until the institution has had an opportunity to request an appeal of the decision. The institution received notification of this action and the opportunity to request an appeal in an Action Letter dated June 20, 2025. Since no request for appeal was filed during the 10-day allotted time, **the decision of the ABHE Commission on Accreditation is final, effective July 1, 2025.**

ABHE provides notification of final actions to the United States Department of Education, state, and provincial postsecondary education offices, and recognized accrediting agencies at the same time as final notification is provided to the institution. Within 24 hours of notifying the institution, the final action and

rationale for the action will be posted to the ABHE website and appear on the Accreditation Profile in the institution's directory listing at <https://abhe-dir.weaveeducation.com/>. A link to this action letter will also be available on the ABHE website.

When an institution is issued a show cause order, it must inform its students and the public of the COA's final decision. **Within seven (7) days after receiving final notification from the COA of a decision to place the institution on show cause, the institution must publish notice of the action to its website. The prescribed language for that notification is found below:**

"The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has issued Faith Bible College (VA) an order to show cause why its accreditation status should be continued. An institution retains its accreditation status with the Commission on Accreditation while under show cause order. The maximum time permitted for a show cause order is one year. Failure to comply with the following specific accreditation standard(s) by the deadline imposed by the Commission on Accreditation will result in removal of the institution's status with the Commission on Accreditation."

[Add Statement of Standards and deficiencies as noted in the COA action letter]

The Commission recognizes that the institution intends to close, effective June 30, 2025. Should the closure be executed as planned, the notification requirement above is waived. **Note:** Please provide confirmation that the institution closure was executed, effective June 30, 2025, at your earliest convenience. A confirmation letter signed by the president should be submitted to coa@abhe.org.

A teach-out plan, approved by the COA Substantive Change Officer or the appropriate COA committee, is required for institutions under a show cause order. The Commission acknowledges receipt of the Teach-Out Plan and Teach-Out Agreement submitted as part of the Substantive Change application for unplanned closure. The Plan and Agreement are currently under review by the Substantive Change Officer.

The effective date of this action is July 1, 2025. Please see the Report Guide at www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/ for assistance in formatting and submitting any reports required by the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Shane Wood, your Commission Staff Representative, with any questions that arise regarding this communication. We continue in prayer for those affected by the closure of Faith Bible College.

Sincerely,



Lisa L. Beatty, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: Pastor Shannon Terhune, Board Chair, [REDACTED]
Mrs. Renee Carey, Accreditation Liaison, [REDACTED]