Southwest College of Biblical Studies

Memo

To: Facilitator Students

From: Bruce Leary, Instructor

Date: 10-26-01

Re: For Your Information

<u>GREETING & ENCOURAGEMENT</u>... I want to thank you for taking on this course work even though your life is very busy. You are someone God wants to use as a leader in the lives of many around you. I appreciate you and look forward to watching the Lord direct & bless your life in the next several months. I am praying that you will be able to complete this work and that you will stick with it. However, a good leader knows when he has bitten off more in life than he can handle. I will pray that God will give you the wisdom needed to proceed.

THE NEXT FACILITATOR MEETING ...

The next "Facilitator" meeting will be Thursday, November 8. You will be ducated. Your assignment for that class session will be to give your personal testimony in front of the class. Your testimony should be written down & turned in to the instructor at the end of that class. However, you are not to read your testimony to the class, but rather use notes & share your testimony with the class. You are NOT to exceed 15 minutes.

FACILITATOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS ...

Please have the following two assignments completed by November 8 (and bring to the class session to be turned in to the instructor):

- 1. Read chapter 1 in <u>Spiritual Leadership</u> (pages 13-19), and complete in writing the study questions (pages 168-169).
- 2. Complete page 5 in your "Facilitator Notebook". The two questions to answer are: What is the Bible Study Methods program? (Describe it); Why should we do a Bible Study Methods course?

THE UP-COMING PREPARATION TO LEADERSHIP COURSE ...

The tentative start date will be November 28, 2001. The cost will be \$25. The class will meet Wednesday & Thursday nights (2 nights per week) in November & December; the number of nights for class will vary in January. A schedule will be provided.

The contents of the course will include:

- 1. Human temperaments (2 nights) 2. Spiritual gifts (5 nights)
- 3. Testimony development (2 nights) 4. Doctrines of our faith (5 nights)

This course is only available to current students — those who have taken at least one course from this Bible college.

THE NEXT BSM IN PHILIPPIANS COURSE ...

The tentative date to start will be January 2, 2002 (Wednesday night). If ducating is a problem because of the January 1 holiday, we will meet January 9 instead. Submit names from interested individuals to Bruce Leary on or before November 14, 2001.

Inform any interested men of the financial responsibilities involved in taking a class, and of the high level of work required. Select people carefully considering that we can only have a maximum of 30 men in the classroom.

Those of you who have taken BSM in Philippians will be enrolled in the course but will actually be taking Advanced BSM in Philippians (same book – different assignments).

You can sign up to teach methods in the BSM in Philippians class during our November 8 "Facilitator" class meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

- BSM in Philippians is currently being taught in two yards at Lancaster State Prison in L.A. County on Saturdays. Pray for these men.
- Bruce Leary will be speaking in yards 1,2, & 3 at Donovan (the Sunday worship services) on December 23, 2001.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR YOU ...

- 1. "The Lord is a Sun and Shield; He will give grace & glory. No good will He withhold from those who live a righteous life." (Psalm 84:11)
- "And set apart Christ as Lord in your heart, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15)