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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for my good friend and colleague, Dr. David Mappes. David has served ably at Baptist Bible Seminary since 2008. He has been one of the leading Bible and theology teachers in all degree programs offered by the school. His writings in the *Journal of Ministry and Theology*, *Bibliotheca Sacra* and elsewhere have demonstrated his excellent academic abilities to think critically and write well with an irenic tone. His collegial spirit is noticed in interaction with other faculty members who consider it a delight to work with him.

In addition to being a leading theology teacher, Dr. Mappes also serves as the Director of the Master of Arts in Biblical Apologetics. Such an administrative responsibility entails much detailed scheduling, planning, and tracking of student progress which he has handled admirably. Moreover, David has been an astute leader in assisting the faculty in discussions on difficult theological matters and curriculum design.

Students give Dr. Mappes high marks in their class evaluations (both on-campus and online). Many view David as a counselor for life issues not just for academic matters. His shepherd's heart is obvious to those who know him.

In light of these factors, I heartily recommend Dr. David Mappes for any college or seminary level teaching position or any ministry opportunity that can make use of his natural and spiritual gifts.

Sincerely in Christ,

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