John Brown University’s recent Jordan Studies trips and Middle Eastern opportunities have garnered questioning, in light of current foreign affairs. However, JBU has long been one step ahead of its nation in relating to “eastern” regions.

A significant example took place in the spring of 1951. Dr. Cecile Wilson offered JBU classes in the Russian language, reasoning that “many of the world’s troubles would disappear today if we would better understand our enemies.” In Cold War times, her logic and sympathy were unusual.

During the mid-1980s, just ten years after Nixon’s trip to China, JBU took steps towards establishing a Chinese Studies Institute on campus. Under the direction of Derek Chung of Hong Kong and Peiru Deng of Singapore, the program was to offer classes like “History of Education in China” and “Asian Cultures and Religions” in the fall of 1985. The Institute aimed to “train Chinese and American students for service, professional or otherwise, in Asia.” Unfortunately, a lack of funding killed the proposal.

JBU students have also taken the initiative to pursue eastern opportunities. In recent years, several undergraduates have used CCCU’s study abroad programs to visit China and Russia. Here in Arkansas, JBU’s student-led Japanese Anime Club is entering its fifth year of existence and has discussed the possibility of starting a Japanese language course.

While JBU remains a “smaller” institution demographically, its global outlook has never been limited.

Milestones
21 February 1963: The Cathedral pipe organ is installed, with a dedication set for April. Alumni and friends sponsor some of the organ’s 1500 pipes to cover costs.

February 1964: Librarian Glenn Rogers announces the purchase of the first “photocopying apparatus,” available for student use at a fee of 10 cents per page.
beyond counting, the mind of man would go absolutely blank! The challenge of Christ was “believe for the work’s sake.” Only God could work the works that are here before your eyes!

Man, of course, is incapable of grasping the facts of Deity! Finite mind is incapable of comprehending, intelligently so, the Infinite! Endless time! Endless creations! Endless existence! Endless space! Let us be honest and face the facts. And the facts are that, when the puny mind of man seeks to grasp or comprehend any fact that has to do with endless space or endless creation or endless existence, the mind staggers back as though it had been smitten down by some invisible hand.

[... ] If the universe is created and upheld and directed by a supreme intelligence, it stands to reason that somewhere, in some way, that intelligence or that Creator would reveal itself to the human family; and that revelation comes in a declaration so sublime that the

Excerpt from the works of John Brown, Sr.

“Is there no God??” God pity the man who can walk among the wonders and glories of an everyday experience [... ] and not hear the voice of God and see everywhere the marvelous ministry of our God. Before there were any stars or moon or sun or earth or sky, God [was]! Intelligent men everywhere readily assent to the truth of the age-old axioms, “That which is least is always included in that which is greatest,” or, “Back of every effect, there must be a corresponding cause.” If God had revealed Himself to the human family, apart from created worlds, and had sought to teach men the facts of His Omnipotence and His ability to speak into existence planets...