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## World Baptist Fellowship May Meeting at Arlington Baptist College May 10-13, 2010

Make your plans now to attend this year's May Fellowship Meeting at Arlington Baptist College. The theme for this year's meeting is: **REACH!** Emphasis will be placed on reaching our nation and reaching our world with the Gospel. Dr. D. L. Moody, College President, has planned a great meeting. The speakers will all bless and challenge our hearts for the work of the Lord. There will be a combined choir from several area churches and other special music.

The meeting will begin on Monday evening, May 10, with an ABC Family and Friends Reunion, and will close on Thursday evening, May 13, with the Arlington Baptist College graduation ceremony.

A list of recommended hotels is in this issue of the Fundamentalist so that you may make your reservations for the meeting.

Please do your best to attend this year's meeting. Pray for the meeting that the Lord will meet with us in a special way, and for the College Day offering that it will meet the goal of \$180,000.

### BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF TEXAS

The Baptist Fellowship of Texas met on March 15 – 16, 2010 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Hempstead, Texas. Pastor Ken Shelton and the fine people of Calvary Baptist Church did a wonderful job in hosting the meeting. The church folks prepared and served some delicious food to all who were present and just did everything possible to make everyone feel welcome.

Speakers for the meeting were: Bro. Charles Dunn, Pastor Emeritus of the Central Baptist Church in Deer Park, TX; Bro. McCauley Austin, Pastor of the Friendswood Baptist Church in Friendswood, TX; Bro. Mike Evans of Arlington Baptist College; and Bro. Jimmy Withers, Pastor of the Aurora Baptist Church in Aurora, TX.

In the business meeting, Bro. Charles Bartlett was elected as the new chairman of the BFT for the next year.

The next Baptist Fellowship of Texas meeting will be held on September 13-14, 2010 at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, TX.

### March 2010 Quad-State Meeting

By Tim Billups  
Pastor ~ Lewisburg Baptist Church ~ Maysville, KY

On behalf of the pastors, wives, and staff of the WBF Quad-State I would like to say "Thank-you" to Pastor Kevin & Melissa Terrell and the Temple Baptist Church in Three Rivers, MI for doing such a great job in hosting our meeting that was held on March 22-23, 2010. We were treated to a great smorgasbord of food as well as great fellowship and preaching. Roy Tremble got us started with some encouraging music and testimony from his ministry singing with the Cathedrals. Garvel Owens, a local RBM missionary, shared his heart and passion for reaching & teaching today's  
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### Fall Meeting of the Baptist Fellowship of Texas

From all reports the Spring Meeting of the Baptist Fellowship of Texas was a blessing. Bro. Ken Shelton and the Calvary Baptist Church, Hempstead, did a wonderful job in hosting the meeting. Brother Ken said his church was overwhelmed with all the good preaching and fellowship. An enormous thank you to Bro. Ken and his fine folks for an exceptional job in accepting the responsibility to host the meeting. The hospitality of Calvary Baptist Church is second to none.

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## Congratulations . . .

### Arlington Baptist College Graduates 2010

Marlana Adair  
Mandy Adams  
Jill Botticelli  
Patty Bouillon  
Tera Burns  
Robert Dawson  
Ashley Edwards  
Erin Guerrero  
Stacie Guerrero  
Samuel Johns

Katie McMillan  
MaLori Melugin  
Paul Min  
Joshua Moody  
John Mwangi  
Angela Norris  
Joshua Reese  
Juan Reyes  
Jonathon Ryback  
Geoffrey Schramme

Brandon Steed  
Christine Steed  
Keegan Stone  
Randy Tynes  
Codye Weaver  
Brandon White  
Lindsey Williams  
Luena Wilson  
Lisa Wright



**Jimmy McNeil**  
WBF President

## THE GREAT OMISSION

*"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, all power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Matthew 28:19-20

The words of Jesus recorded for us in the book of Matthew have long served as the marching orders of the World Baptist Fellowship. We have lived and we have ministered under the motto, "From the Cross, through the Church, to the World." We know the words of Jesus have been labeled as "The Great Commission", but have in recent days become more clearly defined as "The Great Omission"! I fear that our founding fathers would find themselves disappointed in what we have allowed ourselves to become or perhaps in what we now deem more important than obedience to "The Great Commission". To our shame, this neglect is by far more costly than we realize. There is an English proverb that serves to remind us of what we have become:

*"For want of a nail, the shoe was lost;  
For want of the shoe, the horse was lost;  
For want of the horse, the rider was lost;  
For want of the rider, the battle was lost;  
For want of the battle, the kingdom was lost."*

Because of a lost nail, the kingdom was lost. I cannot help but wonder if we too have lost sight of the real battle we are in?

Having just returned from the Baptist Fellowship of Texas meeting where the theme was "Back to the Basics" my heart was once again stirred toward the Gospel. If the World Baptist Fellowship has any hope of once again becoming a force for the kingdom it will require a renewed passion and commitment to the Great Commission. It will require that we stop fishing out of other men's ponds and begin reaching out to a sea of lost people all around us.

The annual meeting of the World Baptist Fellowship is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Arlington Baptist College. Dr. Moody and I have planned the theme for this year one simple but powerful word. The theme for this year is "REACH." We believe it is time for the WBF to be energized with a new passion for "The Great Commission". If we will simply return to the mission statement Christ provided for us, it will empower our people, our churches, our missionaries, our school and our fellowship to once again impact the world for Jesus Christ.

The opportunity before us is filled with wonder and anticipation as we come to realize all that God has in store for our fellowship. We need to make our way back to being ministries that spend our energy and time getting the Gospel to the regions beyond. We need to reach America and we need to reach the World. It was David Brainerd who once said: "I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I endured so that I could but gain souls for Christ. .... All my desire is the conversion of sinners, and all my hope is God."

Make your plans now to be on the campus of Arlington Baptist College in May for a time of fellowship and a time of challenge. Time is running out and souls are at stake. Join us for REACH 2010 and you will be amazed at the change God may bring to your heart, your ministry and your life.

## FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

by Emil Balliet



### ABC Family & Friends

**ABC Family & Friends** is an association designed to bring together the thousands of people who love the Arlington Baptist College. **Family & Friends** is a means of bringing together our ALUMNI, former STUDENTS, and those who would like to participate as FRIENDS of ABC. Check out the photos and other items of interest on the **ABC Family & Friends** website <http://www.abcfamilyandfriends.com/>.

**ABC Family & Friends** gathers each year during the May Fellowship for a **FAMILY REUNION**. In May 2009 we focused on the great 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our college. The joy of the **Family & Friends** reunion experienced during the Monday evening celebration flowed over into the entire week of the World Baptist Fellowship meeting on the ABC campus last year.

This year committees have already met, ideas have been shared, and plans are in the process of becoming reality for another great gathering of **ABC Family & Friends** under the leadership of Bro. Tom Meers. The theme for **Family & Friends 2010** is "*Come and See What God is Doing at ABC*". Make your plans to meet with us on the campus of the Arlington Baptist College on Monday, May 10, 2010. Registration begins at 6:30p.m. in the J. Frank Norris Auditorium (park in the Crowley Rd. main parking lot for easy access). The service will begin at 7:00p.m.; then we will enjoy an *Open Campus* style open house. All of our guests will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, the Student Union, the Library, Dorms, and other places of interest including the beautiful and historic tea garden. ABC students, staff, and faculty are looking forward to being your hosts as you tour the campus and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Arlington Baptist College campus.

### "Come and See What God is Doing at ABC"

Chicks Chocolate Chatting

**When: Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

**Time: 2:00 P. M.**

**Where: ABC Cafeteria**

**We will have a great time chatting  
and sharing new, exciting and useful  
ideas for your ministry.**

**If you have any questions please e-mail me at  
[smoody4pbc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smoody4pbc@sbcglobal.net)**

Thanks,

**Sherry Moody**

Chicks - Chocolate - Chatting

***Friends and Family Fellowship at Arlington Baptist College May 10-13, 2010***



# SPRING MEETING TO HIGHLIGHT HOME MISSIONS

**Wendell Hiers**

*Fundamentalist Editor*

The 2010 Spring Meeting of the World Baptist Fellowship will convene May 10-13 on the campus of Arlington Baptist College. Bro. Jimmy McNeil, president of the World Baptist Fellowship, and Bro. D. L. Moody, president of Arlington Baptist College are planning a great program in which *Home Missions* will be accentuated.

How timely the theme of *Home Missions*. If any new venture ever seemed to be striking out against all odds it was the early Church. Its founder had been executed as a common criminal, and now that same church was to go tell an unbelieving world that the Christ that they had seen crucified was resurrected and that He demanded their complete obedience.

The church was birthed in the midst of Jewish persecution, and on the international scene was a small despised movement from a corner of Palestine. How could it move out to shake the mighty Roman Empire, an empire steeped in traditional pagan religions? The church was considered by many to be an illegal and depraved religion, and wave after wave of persecutions were empire wide and meant to destroy the church.

So, how did the infant church make it against all odds? We must remember that the early church had no buildings. Church history records the first building being built in Dura Europos on the Euphrates, around 231 A.D. They had no public services, or access to the public media, and after the apostle Paul, there were no big name missionaries.

So, how did the church grow in view of such an outlook? The Book of Acts tells us as the church suffered persecutions, its members were scattered, and everywhere they went preaching Christ. Their primary tools were one on one evangelism and living dedicated, separated Christian lives.

Unimpeachable Christian conduct was clearly evidenced in their lives, and illuminated the way for many in the Roman world darkened by sin and depravity. Jesus had commanded His church, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:15). And as the church grew, Jesus, through the pen of Paul charged His church to be "...blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

When the early church came together, rather than spending the bulk

of its time evangelizing, it focused on the apostles' teaching. They did this in order that believers might grow in their walk with the Lord. The early church took seriously the Great Commission and its discipling ministry. It was not enough to produce baby Christians; the new believers needed to be trained in the Word, so they could mature in the Lord.

It is hard to improve on the pattern set by the New Testament church in Acts 2:41-42. We see from this passage the essential functions of the local church were evangelism, instruction in the Word, participation in the ordinances, prayer and fellowship. Intertwined with these activities would be worship and edification, and these endeavors defined the early church. Evangelism was the one biblically mandated function in which the members of a local church engaged outside of the church assembled. The church services were not geared to meet the felt needs of the unsaved. Simply put, the emphasis of the church assembled was not evangelism; however, it was the focus of the church scattered. As members of the local visible body of Christ they were to live their lives in the world "...and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you..." (I Peter 3:15).

One thing is for sure, the church that Jesus founded was, and is intended to be, indigenous...self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating. That church is the pillar and ground of the truth, and its members grow as the truth of God's Word penetrates their hearts. If the elements of fellowship, communion, prayer and worship have always been an integral part of the local church, what happens when these activities are confused with, or diluted by, entertainment? In many market-driven, seeker-sensitive, new-paradigm, user-friendly churches what is called *worship* is really amusement. Sad to say, but many churches have wrapped themselves in garments composed of empty human philosophy sewed together with bits and pieces of truth. The gospel we are commanded to preach in many cases has been co-mingled with pop-psychology to such an extent that even Paul would not recognize it.

It is said that the unsaved of this century are not interested in truth. Neither were they in Paul's day (I Corinthians 1:23), but that did not keep him from preaching Christ crucified. We are told that because the unsaved are interested in feeling better about themselves, then we must market the gospel as something that works and can relieve their pain and provide happiness, fulfillment and positive self-esteem. The problem here is the gospel is not about helping a lost person feel better about his or her felt needs. It's about one's rebellion against a holy God who will ultimately condemn all those who do not repent and trust in Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

Logically, to carry out the Great Commission we must plant new churches. This mandate was to begin in JerUSAlem, and the light that shines the brightest at home shines the farthest from home. If we lose our vitality for Home Missions, we will eventually lose our vitality in the regions beyond.

Plan now to be present at the Spring Meeting. Pray that God will meet with us in a special way, and that as a fellowship of churches we can make Home Missions a priority and not an after-thought.

## THINK WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER!

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**MISSIONS**

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**World Baptist Fellowship HOME MISSIONS**

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# REACH 2010

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary has several definitions for the verb form of the word "reach." Here are a few:

**Dr. D. L. Moody**  
ABC President

- To stretch out; extend
- To touch or grasp by extending a part of

the body (as a hand) or an object

- To make an impression on
- To strain after something
- To communicate with

You can make the obvious applications to these definitions when it comes to reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ... the Supreme Mission of the Christian life.

The theme for our annual meeting of the World Baptist Fellowship on the campus of Arlington Baptist College, May 10-13, is "REACH". We will be encouraged to strengthen our resolve, increase our efforts, enlarge our vision, and deepen our love for Christ and souls. We believe that we are living in what could be the "last days" before the return of Jesus Christ, and we must reach our nation and the world before it is too late.

This year we will be spotlighting the need for church planting here at home and around the world. We have speakers coming to challenge us that know first-hand what this looks like and what can be done to accomplish the task of putting "salvation stations" in needy areas. Church planting is by no means new to WBF or ABC; it was what launched our movement more than 70 years ago and led to the building of some of the greatest churches in the nation and impacting the globe with the Gospel... we can do it again by the grace and power of God!

As has been our tradition, the emphasis of this meeting will be on the ministry of the Arlington Baptist College. Without straining too much to be novel, let me encourage you to do these three things:

**A**ttend and invite others to come with you – Let's pack the auditorium out for this year's meeting... a large crowd will be an encouragement to everyone who attends.

**B**ring a generous offering – I cannot tell you how important it is that we reach our offering goal of \$180,000. Psalm 96:8 "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts."

**C**ome expecting God to move – Nothing of eternal significance will be accomplished without the presence and power of God. Join me in bathing the meeting in prayer and come with expectant hearts for God to challenge and change us.

The Friends and Family Celebration on Monday night is going to have a new format... you will enjoy it and be encouraged. The music will be "top shelf"... provided by area worship leaders and musicians. Sherry is planning a different approach for the ladies meeting with "Chicks, Chocolate, and Chatting" on Tuesday afternoon... this will be new, fresh, positive, and fat-free (not really). The preaching will be some of the finest you will ever hear, from men who have been used of God to REACH multitudes for Christ and build dynamic churches. What you will see and hear will excite you about the future of Arlington Baptist College.

My prayer is that God will ignite a passion in all of our hearts to do whatever it takes to REACH the world. Straight Ahead!!!



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# ON THE DEPUTATION TRAIL

## Tim & Joy Guenther New Zealand



We have had new churches take us on for support and for that we Praise the Lord! Our home church, the Bible Baptist Church,

Lancaster, Ohio bought us a deputation vehicle; this is a real answer to prayer. We are humbled and honored to be sent out of this church. In a few months, in August, we plan to go on full-time deputation. We are very excited and a little nervous at the same time. We have enjoyed being in some very good meetings and we are grateful for each church and individual promising prayer and financial support. There was one young lady saved in services while we were at the Grace Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio; it is always exciting to see decisions made for Christ. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to raise the needed support for us and the work in New Zealand.

## Robert & Jennifer Dawson Australia



We completed our field survey trip to Australia and we saw first-hand the deep spiritual need of the Aussies. We heard over and over,

"Come to Australia and invest in the lives of the people." We plan to do just that; go, make disciples, baptize them and teach them and our intent is to stay there until the Lord calls us home to heaven. We feel so burdened for the lost souls there. While we are here raising our needed support we are also burdened for the people here in America. While traveling here in America we want to be a blessing to churches and pastors. We are deeply grateful for all who have held us up in prayer with the loss of Robert's father.

## Meisha DEANE Ukraine



Would you like to go on an adventure with me? Well, let's go. My trip to Ukraine was quite eventful. I arrived at the airport with four large pieces of

luggage; two were full of toys and things for the orphanage. The customs people thought I had brought them to sell. Sometimes the language barrier can be a blessing. They got frustrated with me and finally just waved me through. Next challenge was to get all that luggage into a small commercial car; it was comical I assure you. After getting settled at the church in Nezhyyn, it was off to the orphanage. It was the first day of fall break for them and many of them had left for the week. It was such a sweet time of reunion and a wonderful time with them. Lots of things transpired in the next few weeks; because a breakout of swine flu, all schools and orphanages were closed, and I was not allowed back in. Even when the quarantine was over I was prohibited from going back in. Why? Only God knows. The final day that I was to be there the director allowed me to return only if I agreed to buy eighteen uniforms for his favorite class. I desperately wanted to see my kids and so I bought the uniforms. I was only allowed four hours in with my kids, some I had not seen in over a year; such a short four hours but what a blessed time as well. During the time I was not able to get into the orphanage in Komarivka, God opened the doors to another one in Nezhyyn. They welcomed us with open arms. We also were able to minister to the children and many of the elderly in the hospital. One closed door and God opens up yet another one.

I am at fifty percent of my support!!! Thank you for your faithfulness to pray and support. Will you please pray with me that by the end of this year the other fifty percent will be promised and I can be on my way back to the Ukraine.

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**Tommy Raley**  
WBF Mission Director

# SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY REVISITED

In this article I wish to refer back to an article I wrote for the Fundamentalist several years ago because it deals with an ongoing issue. The issue is: What is the Scriptural Authority for missionary ministry? The authority definitely is NOT a mission agency. It is not a Bible college. The Scriptural Authority for sending missionaries to the world is, and always has been, the local New Testament church.

The World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency does not send out missionaries. We have no authority to do so. According to Ephesians 3:21, God has chosen to receive honor and glory through His church. Any attempt to circumvent or usurp the authority of local churches would be unscriptural and contrary to God given authority. Our reason for existence is to serve as a tool that local churches may use to expedite their fulfillment of the Great Commission. We serve local churches and their missionaries only after written authority from them to do so. Approval of candidates by the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Committee is a recommendation to local churches of the missionary's doctrinal, moral and ministry positions. Our service must always remain in subservience to scriptural authority. While I cannot speak for other mission agencies, I do know that the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency looks to the missionaries' home churches for authority and does whatever is possible to help. We help prepare the missionary for his deputation and field ministry. We can be of assistance in facilitating the missionaries' receipt of their needed funds. We can be of assistance by providing certain types of documentation needed to obtain entrance and/or residence visas for the missionaries to enter and remain in the countries where they minister. We can provide assistance in helping to make group medical insurance available for our missionaries. We can assist in helping the missionaries send to the IRS their quarterly tax deposits. We can assist in receiving and forwarding mail and packages to our missionaries. We provide services to them and their sending churches from a position of assistance and not authority.

While we can assist in many ways, the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency cannot produce missionaries. Bible colleges cannot produce missionaries. They can train and help prepare dedicated Christians for a life of ministry, but only local New Testament churches can produce those servants. God has chosen to use churches to send the Gospel to the world and to challenge Christians for a life of dedicated service that they might go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

There is a Scriptural Authority for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. That authority is, and always will be, the local New Testament church. It is good that we all be reminded from time to time of this great truth.

*Friends and Family  
Fellowship at  
Arlington Baptist College  
May 10-13, 2010*

# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS BEYOND

I am happy to report that I preached my first sermon in the Indonesian language. Although I still have a long way to go in acquiring a good grasp

## Skip & Dana WOODFIN Indonesia



of the language, it was such a blessing for me to speak in the Bahasa Indonesia for the very first time. Please continue to pray for us as we sharpen our language skills. The Bible Institute is going well and we have expanded to two dorms and the students seem very happy to be preparing for ministry. We felt in addition to the Bible training, the men need practical ministry experience. We, the Woodfins, are going to start a new work in Gianyar Regency sector of Bali with the help of the institute students. This will be our first endeavor to start a new church since moving to Indonesia, and we are so excited. Bro. Daud, an institute graduate from Jakarta, had intentions of starting a church "back home" in the island of Timor, but stopped to visit his sister in Bali. God used this visit to bring us together and we agreed to work together to start a new church and last Sunday we had our first service with 17 in attendance with 3 of the students from the institute attending and helping. Bro. Daud is a very good preacher, and led 5 to Christ this past month. Folks, I am excited, as if you couldn't tell. Pray that God will bless the Institute and this church planting ministry.

## Phil & Mary GAGNON Honduras



A three star General invited Missionary Jason Tate to preach to the President's Honor Guard. At the General's request, there were over 175 in

attendance. There were three that made professions of faith in the Lord. In Maracia two new converts attended services and another went forward for salvation. I had the privilege of baptizing 8 in the river down the mountain; 6 more were baptized in Calan, for a total of 19 following the Lord in baptism last month. All of these were disciples of the nationals. In Argentina, Marcelo Ariel Zuleta, a Word of Life graduate, enrolled for an accredited degree and has begun classes in his church. Bro. Hector Ramirez and 6 co-laborers will begin studies in their church. There are 7 students in Cochabamba, Bolivia, that serve in their church and help in the services in their area. One of the 15 students in El Salvador is leading in a new mission.

Missionary Dot Foster came and helped us in two camps. They began preparing decorations and food for the Ladies Bible Conference. There were 85 ladies that attended and one of the ladies said, "We feel like queens!" It was so nice to see them, the fellowship was sweet and they were encouraged going back to their families and works.

The month of February is known as the month of love and friendship. On Feb. 14 I attended a wonderful service in Jasper,

## Gayle SPARKS Mexico



Georgia. It was the beginning of a new church, Shiloh Baptist Church. It was a Holy Spirit filled service. Rev. Ben Langley currently is the Pastor, and I am now a member of this new church.

Out church in Gonzalez is rejoicing with many new converts and there are fifteen waiting on baptism. Our mid-week prayer service is dedicated to prayer and we have seen the Lord answer so many of our prayer requests. The mission at the ranch is having about 20 attend faithfully each week.

If you would, please send me your e-mail address as I am trying to up-date my e-mail address book. My e-mail is [mexicogayle@hotmail.com](mailto:mexicogayle@hotmail.com).

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**Linda Raley**

# Just Thoughts

All of us, whether man or woman, begin to take notice as age starts to take its toll on our appearance. There are cream remedies, exercises and even surgery to make us look the way we feel we should. Some go to great efforts to keep that young look and exercise to the maximum to stay physically fit.

Whatever we do or don't do we still reach that dreaded day we consider ourselves "over the hill". I'm not sure where this adjective phrase came from but the dictionary defines it as "past the peak of one's youthful vigor and freshness; far along in life; old."

While looking through one of my songbooks I came across a song written in the early 90's called "I'll Never Be Over the Hill". Kenny Hinson, the songwriter of many songs that the words can be understood and the tunes very catchy, captured my heart as I read through the words.

This is a simple song written in a way that we would be telling a friend. You don't have to wonder what he's referring to or hear the entire song to realize, "oh, that was a Christian song?". It says he learned about Jesus on his mother's knee - "all heart and all ears, my eyes filled with tears as she told where He died just for me; Though the years have gone by, I will break down and cry when the story is told to me still. Though it may the truth, I'm getting over my youth, I will never be over the hill."

Sometimes when we've heard the story of Calvary again and again it becomes a bit mundane and we lose the joy and excitement of it that we had in the beginning of our Christian life. This is also true in our marriages and ministries. Then it's necessary to remind ourselves of the great sacrifice that was made that brought us to where we are today. Mr. Hinson reminds us in his song that the world's greatest story of redemption glory can never be common and plain. He also relates that none of our current affairs can match what happened "up there".

In our church we are in a Sunday morning series on the cross. With each sermon I'm reminded of how grateful we should be for the price that was paid on that hill. I'm reminded as well of the importance of sharing with others that our Savior hung on that cross for the entire world.

I don't think I'll ever hear the phrase "Over the Hill" again without recalling this very special song. I too will never get over the hill.

**ON THE DEPUTATION TRAIL** (continued from page 4)

## Tony & Brenda DAVIS Tanzania (STEP)



God continues to bless and by His leading we can now scratch off our prayer list many things that we have asked you to pray with us about, and

He has answered: our house, the overwhelming way He provided a new home for our cat, and three days of tree work in Arlington, TX, to pay off some more bills. We are thankful for safety on the roads and so many wonderful experiences building relationships along the deputation trail. God has allowed us to present the field in churches in Texas, Louisiana and Colorado in these first two months. Some have already committed to support the work financially and others prayerfully. We give Him all the Praise and believe that God does great things and works in precise ways enabling us to meet others' needs. Pray for us for traveling safety, for acquiring our passports and beginning the visa process for service in Tanzania. God is also in the details... so many things, so subtle, sometimes we don't even see that the work is done through His leadership until it is already done. God provides the fruit, the answers and His leading as an indicator of the success we desire.

# FURLOUGH MISSIONARIES

We are grateful to the Lord for His provision and protection during this past year while we have been on furlough. We look forward to returning to

## Kyron & Antonia HORTON Brazil



Brazil in June to resume the work that God has called us to in that country. Since our immediate relatives are all in Brazil, it was a privilege to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with close friends this year. Mid-December I had a small surgery done on my left foot which left me on crutches for several days. The pinched nerve is repaired and I am back to walking smoothly again. We have driven about 20k miles and been in over 60 churches so far. With one exception we have stayed ahead of the snowstorms this year. God has blessed our journeys, supplied our needs and has raised up some new supporters and refreshed our spirits. We still need to pick up more new support and we still need the funds to purchase a good used vehicle.

We are happy to report that in the work in Brazil people continue to profess Christ and follow the Lord in baptism. Rarely a phone call comes without my brother John reporting on someone being saved.

Pray for our camp ministry and for the Bible Institute. Pray that God will continue to call into His service new laborers. There is still such a great need.

## David & Dottie McCLURE Micronesia



It seems like we have been all over the place since our last prayer letter. We have been trying not to complain about the cold weather, but we are failing miserably. It is so hard to be longsuffering when your whole body is about to freeze. I never knew it could be so cold in the South, but it is. We have been in several Mission Conferences and three couples have surrendered their lives to the Lord as Missionaries.

We just received word that two of our grandsons have surrendered their lives to preach and they plan to return to the mission field as God directs; these are two of Terry and Gloria's sons. The fields of this world are vast, the work is hard, the pay is low and the laborers are few. We need more dedicated people to give their lives to go and preach "God's Word" to the lost and dying on the foreign fields of this world.

The Federalization that everyone feared so much has finally come to the Northern Mariana Islands. It is not as bad as feared and visas were issued to those who were there without any documentation or employment. They now have two years to find employment before having to return to their own countries. Hopefully the Islands will prosper and stabilize once again. We received word that one of our church members finally got her paperwork in order and immediately there was a wedding. This was a long awaited answer to prayer.

We are anxious to get back to our dear people who are struggling with rain soaked homes and flooded streets due to 29" of rain in the month of

## Mark & Dana McCUTCHEN BRAZIL



January. Floods, mudslides and building collapses have claimed 64 lives in the mega-city of Sao Paulo, located 1,800 miles south of the Equator. Seldom does this much rain come in such a short time-span. Fortunately the work in Paraisopolis was able to complete the roof before the rains set in.

We will be heading "home" back to Brazil the second week of March. (continued on page 10)

# World Baptist Fellowship

# Sample Ballot May - 2010

(You must be present at the meeting to vote)

## SECTION ONE - WBF OFFICERS

President - Elect ONE for two-year term

- Jimmy McNeil
- Rocky Lindley

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

First Vice-President - Elect ONE for two-year term

- Kenric Barnett
- Terry Collins
- Joey Bacon

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Vice-President - Elect ONE for two-year term

- Charles Bartlett
- Joey Bacon

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary - Elect ONE for two-year term

- Joey Bacon

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION TWO - WBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elect TWO for three-year term

- David Adair
- Rocky Lindley
- Doug Harris
- Dr. W. C. Vansant

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Membership Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION THREE - MISSION COMMITTEE

Elect FIVE for three-year term

- Guy Morrow
- Roy Maple
- Charles Bartlett
- Mike Gray
- Joey Bacon
- Steve Hamm

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION FOUR - ABC BOARD

Elect FIVE for three-year term

- Todd Dunn
- Tim Dunn
- Clark Boshier
- Ethan Daves
- Mark Ogle
- Donnie Foster
- Mel Daves
- Lloyd Meyer

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION FIVE - PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Elect THREE for three-year term

- Mark Ogle
- Charles Bartlett
- Rocky Lindley
- Joey Bacon
- Doug Harris

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

## **OFFICERS AS OF MAY, 2009**

### **CURRENT WBF OFFICERS**

President ..... Jimmy McNeil ..... eligible for re-election  
 1st Vice Pres. .... Kenric Barnett ..... eligible for re-election  
 2nd Vice Pres. .... Charles Bartlett ... eligible for re-election  
 Secretary ..... Joey Bacon ..... eligible for re-election

### **FELLOWSHIP BOARD**

2010 ..... Terry Collins ..... (second term - not eligible)  
 2010 ..... Brooks Monk ..... (first term - eligible)  
 2011 ..... Todd Dunn  
 2011 ..... Mark Dallalio  
 2012 ..... Joey Bacon  
 2012 ..... Charles Bartlett

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

2010 ..... Guy Morrow - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Roy Maple - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Charles Bartlett - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Mike Gray - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Joey Bacon - eligible for re-election  
 2011 ..... Henry Lewis  
 2011 ..... W. C. Vansant  
 2011 ..... Terry Collins  
 2011 ..... Kenric Barnett  
 2011 ..... Mark Dallalio  
 2012 ..... Bronson Clemens  
 2012 ..... Mike Evans  
 2012 ..... Ben Langley  
 2012 ..... Larry Wallace  
 2012 ..... Larry Emery

### **ABC COLLEGE BOARD**

2010 ..... Todd Dunn - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Tim Dunn - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Clark Boshier - eligible for re-election  
 2010 ..... Ethan Daves - eligible for re-election  
 2011 ..... Jimmy Withers  
 2011 ..... Brooks Monk  
 2011 ..... Rick Washburn, Jr.  
 2011 ..... Donnie Miles  
 2012 ..... David Adair  
 2012 ..... James Dorsett  
 2012 ..... Ray Haselhuhn  
 2012 ..... Roland Cuevas  
 2012 ..... Rocky Lindley

### **PUBLICATION COMMITTEE**

2010 ..... David Schembera .. (second term - not eligible)  
 2010 ..... Mark Ogle ..... (first term - eligible)  
 2011 ..... Charlotte Balliet ..... (second term)  
 2011 ..... Charles Bowen ..... (first term)  
 2012 ..... Joey Bacon  
 2012 ..... Emil Balliet

### **NOMINATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

David Adair ..... ABC Board  
 David Schembera ..... Publications Committee  
 Dr. W.C. Vansant ..... Missions Committee  
 Charles Bartlett ..... 2nd Vice President of WBF  
 Lloyd Meyer ..... Elected by the General Assembly

## **Giving By Faith**

*by Tommy Raley*

If we are to reach the world with the Gospel in our generation it will require the involvement of multitudes of Christians working together. A simple reading of the New Testament will convince us that it is the will of God that the Gospel is to be preached in all the world. To accomplish this task it is necessary that men and women surrender their lives to take the message throughout the world. The truth that the Lord Jesus proclaimed so many centuries ago is still evident today, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37). The number of people going to the mission fields of the world today cannot possibly keep up with the exponential population growth of the world. There must be more laborers who are willing to go. Other means that modern technology provides must be incorporated in proclaiming the Gospel.

The Apostle Paul made a dramatic statement in Romans 10:13-15: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" In this passage it is made clear that only through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is salvation possible. Lost souls cannot be won through the teachings of Buddha, Confucius, Islam, or any other man made religion. Souls can only be won through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the proclamation of the Word of God. (Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God").

Missionaries have to go with the Gospel and missionaries must be sent. Christian, if God has not called you to go, then you may be sure that He has called you to send those whom He calls. Sending out missionaries means giving so they can go. The word "send" means "to provide that which is necessary". A person might say, "I sent my son to college". With this statement he means that he has provided what was necessary: tuition, books, lodging, food, etc. Scripture says that the church in Antioch "sent" the missionaries, Paul and Barnabas. The word "sent" is used in the same connotation in that passage; they provided what was necessary.

How is this possible? It is possible through the faithful giving of God's people to the cause of world missions. There are two kinds of giving by faith that are illustrated in Scripture:

In I Samuel chapter one, we have the example of Hannah who promised to the Lord something she did not have. She promised God that if He would give her a son, she would in turn give him back to the Lord as a life-long servant. God honored her faith and Samuel was born to her. In obedience to her promise she presented Samuel to the Lord and he became a great judge and prophet in Israel. God rewarded Hannah's faith by giving her five more children and her life was indeed blessed.

In I Kings chapter 17, we have the example of the widow of Zarephath. She was challenged by God through the message of Elijah to give what she had; and it was literally all she had. She had enough meal and oil to make one cake of bread and she was going to share it with her son and then they would starve to death. She accepted the challenge and promise of God and offered her one cake to the man of God. Then, miraculously, there was enough meal and enough oil for another cake; then another; then another. She, her son, and Elijah all ate from that meal and oil until the rains came and the earth was replenished.

II Corinthians chapter 8 gives us the record of the churches of Macedonia and their participation in missionary giving. They were willing to give to their power, and beyond their power to the work of God. In their giving they exhibited the kind of faith that the widow of Zarephath had; giving what they had (to their Power), and also the kind of faith that Hannah had in giving what they did not have (beyond their power). God supplied the need for Hannah, the widow, and the Macedonian Christians and He will supply your need if you are willing to accept His challenge to give by faith for the cause of world missions. (Philippians 4:19) "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Giving by faith is a sign of love for the Lord and obedience to the Great Commission. May we all be people who are pleasing to God in our giving.

# THE MISSIONS CORNER

by Rick Washburn, Jr.



## Friend Request

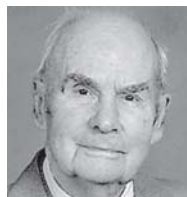
Facebook has changed the world. Yes – I know it was preceded by MySpace and grew alongside Twitter. But Facebook has invaded the world of Christians, pastors, missionaries, and churches in a phenomenal way. Now it seems like every day we are confronted with a Friend Request, Friend Suggestion, or Status Update. We see photo albums and videos that are posted. We respond to prayer needs that are shared. The world just got smaller ... again.

I am encouraged every time a technological breakthrough allows missionaries to stay more connected. Whether it was e-mail, instant messages, video conferences, or broadband phone, I felt the powerful impact of these in my life and family while living on foreign soil. I remember the excitement that is generated. You just don't feel so far away, so disconnected. You can stay in closer contact with family, friends, supporters, and fellow missionaries.

Facebook has given us as Christians in the United States the opportunity to know what is going on in the lives of our missionaries on a daily basis. We can read their posts about their kids, the weather, the frustrations and the blessings. We can respond to urgent prayer requests immediately. We can see how the MKs are growing up and the parents are going gray!

But it goes both ways. Missionaries can also share in what God is doing in *our* lives and ministries. Missionaries often feel like they are "out of the loop" with what is going on among their supporting churches and ministry colleagues. Pastors and staff members change ministries. Churches experience hardships and crises. Ministry friends move across the country. New churches are planted. We cannot assume that because those around us know what is going on, everybody knows. Missionaries are some of *our* greatest prayer supporters. They are deeply concerned with the needs here at home. As they see our updates and posts – be sure they will respond when needed. What a blessing!

So when the next dozen "friend requests" come your way, be looking for those missionaries you know and support. You can be a meaningful source of encouragement to them – and they certainly will be to you.



## REV. RALPH VAN NORTWICK WITH THE LORD

The race is run, the battle is won, and the warrior is home. On Thursday, January 21, 2010, Rev. Ralph H. Van Nortwick traded his earthly tent for a building eternal in the heavens. He was born on November 22, 1909 in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania to Archie and Nellie Van Nortwick.

He graduated from UC with majors in geology and engineering before marrying Lucile E. Mack in Schenectady, New York in 1934. He prepared for the ministry and was a member of the first graduating class in 1940 of the Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute in Ft. Worth, Texas, which was the forerunner of the Bible Baptist Seminary, now the Arlington Baptist College.

In 1952 Bro. and Mrs. Van Nortwick moved to Hamilton, Ohio where he started the Lindenwald Baptist Church. He served the church as pastor for 25 years. He maintained an active ministry throughout his life.

In November of 2009 he celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 25, 2010 at the Lindenwald Baptist Church and burial was in Rose Hill Burial Park of Hamilton, Ohio.

### NEWS FROM THE REGIONS BEYOND (continued from page 5)

## Rick & Jackie WASHBURN, Sr. Colombia



School has begun again and our attendance in La Campina is much better. Last week we had four new visitors brought in by relatives of those who attend. One adult lady accepted Christ as her Savior after the service. Her mother was so excited about her decision. Little by little more people are getting involved and inviting others to services. This is such an encouragement to us as we begin this new work.

We are planning on a ladies' meeting soon and a men's breakfast a week later. For Easter week we are planning special service with Pastor Gustavo doing the preaching. We want to take advantage of people having Thursday and Friday off during the "Holy Week".

We went to the church in Cartago and I (Rick) preached the Wednesday night service and they had a full house. So good to see many new faces and hear of decisions for Christ. We also checked out a place where we could have our annual youth camp and pastors' retreat. It would only take about 6 hours by bus to get there from Medellin. They offered the use of the facilities at very good rates for the campers.

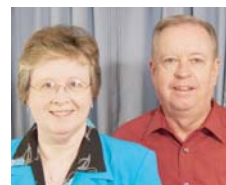
This past year was the most productive of our 36 years of ministry here in Brazil. More souls have been saved, the number of converts baptized and new members added to the rolls of the churches; it is phenomenal.



## Lanny & Judy WOOD Brazil

Judy has had some medical problems with shortness of breath and exhaustion. Following many exams it was discovered that she has an enlarged heart and an irregular heartbeat. New medications have helped and she is slowly improving. Please continue to pray for her and her health situation.

Thank you for allowing Judy and me to represent you in Brazil. We are truly co-laborers with God: "we have planted, God has watered, and He is giving the increase."



## Gary & Monnie BACON Mexico

God's people here at the Baptist Mission in Sion have been so faithful to come faithfully to the services each week. Even though they have to walk a long way, many times through cold rainy conditions and muddy streets, they come to worship the Lord. What a testimony they have for the Lord. The Mission has celebrated their second anniversary and it is wonderful to see how God has worked in just two years.

Last summer we had our first VBS and it was a great success. Many children were saved during the week and they have been faithful to come back and we now have a children's Sunday School. They have invited their parents to come with them and several adults have been saved from the blessings of the VBS.

We are very grateful for your prayers and financial gifts. This makes it possible to continue to the work God has called us to do together. Recently there were 3 saved at the mission and these are direct results of your laborers.

The Lord is moving upon the hearts of the people of Haiti during this national crisis. The earthquake has brought many to the realization that no matter how bad things may be for us personally, there are others who are struggling with far more devastating things in their lives than we are. Churches and individuals from all over the

## Jacques & Marie ALEXANDRE Haiti



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**FURLOUGH MISSIONARIES** (continued from page 6)

We are praying that the Lord will open up the doors for us to rent a nice, reasonable priced apartment. While on furlough this year we have been blessed to see people's hearts burdened for the ministry. Thank you Pastors for your love and for teaching your people well and having a global vision for missions.

On January 12, disaster struck the impoverished country of Haiti. It was a devastating earthquake that flattened Port Au Prince, killing an estimated 200-500 thousand people. We have been in contact with Jacque and Marie Alexandre, our dear missionary friends. Their church was destroyed and they lost some church members. Please be in prayer for them and our brothers and sisters there in Haiti. There were no tremors on our side of the island. On the day of the earthquake I called the Ruelas family, and they had no idea what had taken place.

The furlough trail continues for us for another two months. In the past couple of months we have traveled from Virginia to Florida, New Mexico then to Old Mexico, to Georgia then back in Texas, and on to Louisiana and finally in Georgia once again. We have our tickets purchased, and Lord willing, will be returning May 18.



**Matt & Flor  
PATTON  
Dominican  
Republic & Cuba**

**Friends and Family  
Fellowship at  
Arlington Baptist  
College  
May 10-13, 2010**

**Ladies Bible Conference**

*by Phil Gognon*

Every year the men have Bible Conferences that few ladies attend due to family responsibilities. Fourteen years ago that lack burdened Mary to begin a yearly Conference for the ladies.

The Conference is held the third week of January just before the new school year begins in the Camp developed by Jim and Dot Foster. Every year Mary and Dot prepare the meals with ladies from the States who come to help, enabling the nationals to attend.

The first year seventy attended from a dozen churches. The highest attendance has been just over one hundred. Through the years ladies have attended from three countries.

The first night the ladies are served a banquet in the decorated dining room. For two and a half days they fellowship and relax. One lady said, "We are treated like queens!"

Because of last year's violent political unrest Mary invited a Honduran speaker. For the first time she invited a man to speak. The eighty-five who attended said Boanerges Moran's lessons on Women Approved of God were the best ever.

This year Dot was the only lady who came from the States to help. Though it is difficult to find reliable, honest kitchen help in La Esperanza, God provided!

Mary's original goal of ten years has been exceeded.

**NEWS FROM THE REGIONS BEYOND** (continued from page 9)

country have stepped forward to give sacrificially to help us rebuild and expand the ministry here in Haiti. We received word this week that a Forture-500 company has agreed to donate and install a solar power plant for the orphanage. More details will be made public as soon as they are available to us.

The Bread of Life Feeding Center continues to serve the needy children of Port-au-Prince. We were feeding about 110 children twice daily with classes in between the feedings before the earthquake but now since the school has been destroyed and is dysfunctional we feed about 200 children once daily. Thank you to all that have committed to help us in this vital ministry.

Pray for a medical mission trip that is being planned. We will set up a medical clinic and treat varying conditions during the time that they are here. There will be a surgeon, an OB/GYN, Two RN's, and two medical students on this trip. Pray that the Lord will protect them from injury and illness during this trip. Bro. Dale Morrison and his medical team treated hundreds of people during his visit. Thank you for your love, sacrifice and willingness to be used of the Lord in such a needed ministry.

Jacques and a preacher friend have begun preaching in a nearby tent city that is home to over 40,000 people and people are responding to the Gospel. We are praying that God will allow us to plant a permanent church among the residents in this place. God is good. Many mission trips are being planned for the upcoming weeks and months. If you have a larger group or a smaller one or an individual please contact me as soon as possible to put you on for a trip already planned or for a group trip. We will help you organize trips in the future as well. I want to thank each of you that have e-mailed us, prayed for us, sent in special offerings for us and the ministry here in Haiti. Please continue to pray for wisdom, health and provision as the Lord's will is sought and followed.

**John & Rebecca  
HAWKINS  
Brazil**



There were two containers full of the Word of God sitting on the docks in customs, for seven and a half months. Praise God one of these two containers has

been released and we are working of the paperwork to get the other one out as well. The Bibles in the first container were in perfect shape and so very needed. We will get them out to the people as quickly as possible. Just why all the holdup, we really don't know, but at the same time we believe that "All things work together for good." I guess it is just our human frailty to ask why.

Rebecca is doing OK and we are both anxiously awaiting the end of May when she will be done with her treatments. We plan to return to the States to the infectious disease clinic in Dallas for her final exam and her "clean bill of health".

The Bible Institute graduation was well attended, the students were all able to return to their respective churches for a few week in between semesters. VBS starts this month and that is always a challenge and blessing. Pray that many of these little ones will come to the Savior as well. We have an adolescent camp next month. We will continue to limit the campers to 100 per week as before. There is so much to do in the ministry; God gives us strength for today; tomorrow will take care of itself

Our craft day went very well. We had a good time of fellowship with the ladies and it was a time of encouragement. Many of the parents of the

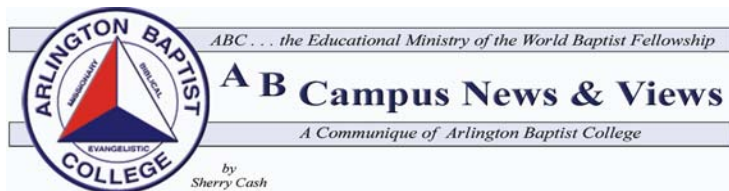
**Bonnie  
WINTERS  
American Indians  
New Mexico**



Christmas program attended services with their children. We have had a steady increase in attendance and several have been saved. It is wonderful to see the hand of God working in so many lives.

Sarah, my daughter, is about the same. She continues to struggle health wise but still trusts the Lord for every day. Thank you for praying for her. Because of your faithful prayers and financial support the work with the Indian people in New Mexico continues to grow.

**Remember: Keep Our Missionary Widows  
in your Prayers!**



These are the days of mid-term exams, papers, and sometimes panic and discouragement. It happens every spring. Spring Break is good, it gives them a respite from study and homework; however, the break is over and once again they have to resume a crunch-filled schedule.

The campus is very green. The trees are already in bloom. Because of the amount of rain the pond is full. Soon the water lilies on the pond will be blooming. I do love the spring season. With the Spring Semester there are very busy schedules. The Impact Teams are traveling a lot. This past week (Spring Break) they went to Tucson, AZ. They taught classes, sang trios, solos, etc., and even preached some. They participated in Children's Church, Youth Groups, Sunday School classes, and performed in skits and music in the church service. Dr. D. L. Moody preached during the church service. One of our students was privileged to win one soul to the Lord. God is so good. That is our object and goal – to show souls how to be saved, and to lead others in worshipping and in surrender to the Lord's will. Our students are obtaining some unique experience in these impact teams.

One senior went home to Florida for spring break. But while she was there she went on a cruise to Jamaica. She participated in a wedding on the ship, and the bride's family paid for the wedding party to go on the cruise. What an experience that was for Patty Buillon. I don't know how Patty had time to have a spring break. She is one busy girl.

College Days at ABC are near. The Maintenance Department is very busy getting things ready for College Days. Prospective students will be staying in the dorms and attending some classes, and going through some orientation with their parents regarding ABC school life.

Basketball season is over. The team did not win the tournament but our team was a very young team. This is the first season that they have played together. They were super. It really brought cohesiveness to our student body. Plans are being made for an even greater schedule than we had this year. We love the Patriot Teams.

Our chapel services are always stupendous, or a new word is Kalos. I don't know if that Greek word works here or not. Dr. Moody is preaching a series in Chapel on Romans 12. Romans 12:17b reads *"Provide things honest in the sight of all men."* Dr. Moody gave us a new insight into the word, "honest". The Greek word used in this verse for honest is "kalos" which means "beautiful, excellent, handsome, wonderful" and a whole bunch of other adjectives. So, providing things honest means a lot more than just being truthful and ethical. In my opinion our students are all "honest" – "kalos" (stupendous, beautiful, excellent, wonderful), but I am prejudiced. I do think they are the best.

I desire to be "kalos" for the Lord. I want to please Him in all things, **Pr 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.** Oh, that I might do more than obey. May I please You. **Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.** Work in me to will and to do your pleasure.

#### March 2010 Quad-State Meeting (continued from page 1)

children from 2 Corinthians chapter 4. Chris Bowles, youth pastor at Vandalia Baptist Temple used the story of Jeshurun in Deuteronomy 32 to remind us to be careful that serving God doesn't get old for us and become routine to the point we make God jealous. Our main speaker was the president of the WBF, Dr. Jimmy McNeil, who is the Senior Pastor of the Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. In two separate messages he challenged us from Ezekiel 22 that in this day and time when there is such a need for revival that God is counting on us to stand in the gap, and to remember the challenge of Paul to Timothy in 2 Timothy chapter 4 to always preach as a dying man to dying men.

While Dr. McNeil was there to encourage us with the Word of God, he was also there to share what God is doing with the WBF and what God CAN do with the WBF as we combine our forces in reaching the nation and the world. It is true that we have different styles of ministry, but we have the same goal – reaching people for Jesus Christ. The May meeting at ABC will absolutely be one you do not want to miss! I'll see YOU there.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TO TRUTH?

By Woody Cash

In the record that God has preserved for us we read of our Lord in his high priestly prayer to his Heavenly Father wherein he acknowledges that God's Word is truth. Earlier that week, Jesus had testified that his words shall not pass away. With those two thoughts in mind, it is interesting to refer to the Lord's "Sermon on the Mount". That longest of all of his recorded messages took about seventeen minutes to deliver. Similar thoughts are recorded in Luke's gospel as in Matthew's. To state his thoughts twice could well be taken as evidence of their import and certainly of their truth. The recitation we have in Matthew opens and closes with two observations. The first tells us that Jesus taught them. The passage closes one hundred and eleven verses later with an interesting tidbit. We are told that the people "were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Without a doubt, what Jesus said was the truth. And, it still is – everlastingly so! But note the contrast of His delivery with that of the scribes.

The scribes were faithful in their preservation of the Hebrew scriptures. By the time of Christ's earthly ministry, however, they had become the self-proclaimed arbiters of that Word and claimed not only its exclusive interpretation, but also to have an authority in what they said that was to be viewed as equal to holy writ. Furthermore, they had become the only sources of higher instruction for Jewish society. With his sermon, Jesus became a rival for the dependence of the populace. Therefore, the scribes became "the most watchful and determined opponents" of Christ throughout His whole ministry. The truth of Jesus' words was easily comprehended by His audience. Theirs was a mindset accustomed to Idealism, the educational philosophy of Plato's day. But that was then, and the mindset today is not governed by the concept that truth is real and that there are absolutes.

How did today's population get to where it is relative to contemporary educational philosophies? Idealism, Realism, and Neo-scholasticism are traditional philosophies. Idealism stresses unchanging universal Truth and, as such, has been closely affiliated with religion. The idealist holds that educational endeavor must be aimed at the level of the mind. The teacher's role is to "pass on knowledge of reality". "The social function of the school, for the idealist, is to preserve the heritage and pass on the knowledge of the past." Idealist methodology is seen in lectures that pass knowledge to the student via the teacher. In the home or in the church setting this tradition is tried and proven. With Realism, truth is observable fact that uses sense perception as its medium. Neo-scholasticism is an updated form of scholasticism which appeals to human reason. All three traditional philosophies hold similar views of truth and values as eternal and unchanging. However, modern philosophies bring a different perspective to the classroom.

The major philosophies of the modern era are Pragmatism and Existentialism (with several spin offs of each). Pragmatism as an educational philosophy derives "a priori" or absolute truths. Teachers function as fellow travelers, guides, or project directors. The emphasis is on the felt needs of the student. In Existentialism, the central pillar is the individual who must choose to believe what they want to. In the Existentialist classroom the teacher is a "facilitator." Several variations of these five philosophies have each, in turn, played a role in establishing the prevalent mindset of society. They include Post-modernism, Progressivism, Humanism, etc, etc. The common feature of each is a casting off of traditional truth, and a modification of the teacher as an authoritative figure.

We should realize that to an alarming degree our congregations have and are being taught by teachers who have bought in to the vogue of whatever educational philosophy was the fad embraced by the colleges they attended. We are quite likely into the fourth or fifth generation of methodologies that have sought to circumvent the truths of God's Holy Word. Couple that with the dumbing down of mental attention spans fostered by technological advances and you wind up with seekers of a "truth" of their own preference. Too often the promulgation of Truth has become a casualty of educational programs which, unwittingly perhaps, cater to the culture rather than contend for the Truth. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but . . ." (Proverbs 16:25).



by Marjorie Moffitt

# HEARTBEAT OF WBF

During 1947 I was introduced to the World Baptist Fellowship through the Bible Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, TX, Rev. Tommy Masters, Pastor. He was a quiet mannered man with a laid back ministry. When I married Bro. Bill, he introduced me to the folks at Bible Baptist Seminary/now Arlington Baptist College. My formal background at the Church of Christ where I grew up did not prepare me for the preaching of J. Frank Norris, Louis Entzminger, Frank Godsoe, and Roy Kemp. Later when we attended the fellowship meetings I heard pastors get together and laugh and talk about their days at the seminary. Most of them had come to school fresh out of service during World War II and it seemed their experiences had prepared them to face the world without fear as they left school with a Bible under their arms and a destination in mind where they headed to begin their first church. They had no doubt they would succeed.

In the years to follow Bill started churches in New Mexico and Arizona before moving to Trentman/Pleasantview Baptist Church in 1967. Attending the fellowship meetings and renewing acquaintances and getting caught up with friends of the past was something I looked forward to every year. True to form, in every nook and cranny of the auditorium pastors would be telling tales of their days at ABC and sharing their heartaches as well as their successes with one another. As I began to look forward to our upcoming WBF meeting in May I began to wonder what our graduating students would be remembering in years to come about their own experiences as they worked toward their degrees. The following are some of the things they knew they would never forget:

Each of them had favorite professors that not only showed their love and concern for them as individuals, but challenged them to THINK. Robert Dawson said he would never forget Professor Chuck Osborne challenging him to get into the Scripture to learn more about doctrine. Several students comment even now about Professor Tommy Meers making the Life of Christ studies come to life in such a way that the Lord Jesus became real to them as never before. AND Dr. Bryant's classes prepared them to teach in their own area of ministry that gives them confidence that they will be teaching the TRUTH. Jill Botticelli shared with me that she will never forget the four years of music training she received from Dr. Carl Johnson.

Jill also said that all the students will never forget Dr. Helen Sullivan coming out on stage dribbling a basketball during chapel time. Then, too, she spoke of the fun times they had in the cafeteria and the student/faculty basketball games, and the friendships formed during those years.

It's not all fun and games when students walk that path toward their service to the Lord, Many have similar experiences that graduating seniors Brandon and Christine Steed shared with me. They came to the area from Carrollton, GA and attended the Southwood Baptist Church. Their pastor Lloyd Taylor introduced them to ABC. During those years of study they were faced with many obstacles to try to discourage them: their pastor died, they lost two pregnancies, their church split, and Brandon found himself torn from his ministry as youth pastor,

They had to sell their home and begin again. "Throughout all of this, God has remained faithful and we will both graduate this spring: Christine in Education K-4, and Brandon in Pastoral Ministries. We are in awe as we look back at what God has done and how we have grown spiritually. Without God and the great faculty at ABC we would not be where we are today! Our school has supported us, encouraged us and cheered us on all the way. They have been true examples of Christians and Mentors. We will never forget all that ABC has done for us and look forward to being a good example of the type students they are sending out."

Senior Patty Bouillon expressed many of the graduates thoughts.

"The one thing I will remember most about ABC is how much love the

faculty and staff show toward the student body. I have never encountered an office staff so loving and caring as the people who work here at ABC. If it wasn't for their encouragement, love, support and willingness to listen and understand our concerns, I might not have made it to graduation. The staff here at ABC played a big part in my life while attending ABC, and I could not have asked God to place a greater group of people in my life. It is like a big family around here and you can't find that just anywhere. So, thank you, faculty and staff for your willingness to love and teach me and others. May the Lord continue to use all of you in a mighty way as you prepare others for His service."

So, there you have it, folks. While I'm sure that all the students will remember fun times and crazy pranks they pull on one another, but the main thing they all expressed was GRATITUDE. Most of them came to the campus nervous, not knowing what to expect, green as could be, naïve about the expectations of what it means to be a servant, and then after four years, somewhere along the way, they become mature Christians prepared and ready to meet the world and share the Gospel of Christ with those God puts in their path. Talking with them makes me so proud to be affiliated with the college and the fellowship. If I give you an extra big hug when I see you in May, it's because I'm so blessed to have you in my life. All of you have had a part in my becoming a mature Christian with an opportunity to be of service to my precious Lord.

### **Fall Meeting of the Baptist Fellowship of Texas** (continued from page 1)

Now, mark your calendars for SEPTEMBER 13-14 for the Fall Meeting of the Baptist Fellowship of Texas. We have been invited to meet in Grand Prairie, Texas with the good folks at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Bro. Willie Milbry, pastor. This is a new church that completed its first year in January of this year. You can count on this meeting to be just the thing to pick you up after all your summer activities. Bro. Milbry and his good people will be a blessing to the BFT.



The program and accommodations for the meeting will be announced in a later addition of The Fundamentalist. You may visit Good Shepherd Baptist Church at: [www.goodshepherdbaptistgp.com](http://www.goodshepherdbaptistgp.com).

## **WBF MISSION FAMILY RETREAT**

One of the highlights of each year for our furloughing and deputation missionaries is the Mission Family Retreat that we host in August. Each year Tom and Bernice Crites, invite us to spend some wonderful days at the beautiful Minnetonka Christian Camp at a highly discounted rate for the rental of the camp. In the years that Tom and Bernice have directed the camp many improvements have been made to the facilities. They have recruited some wonderful young people to serve on the camp staff and these folks go all out to make the missionary families feel like honored guests.

The mornings at the retreat are given over to the teaching of practical Christian truths that will help encourage and equip the missionaries for their ministry. Afternoons are given over to rest, recreation, and some ladies' classes. The evening services feature preaching that challenges and blesses the missionaries' hearts. There are programs for the missionary children present as well, under the direction of Mrs. Brenda Morrow of the Bible Baptist Church in Grove, Oklahoma. Evenings after the services are times of fellowship. Mrs. Linda Bartlett of the Anchor Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas always has some special "pampering" for the missionary ladies.

During the Mission Retreat the WBF Mission Committee has a regular meeting and our new missionary candidates are interviewed and approved. Other mission business is carried on as well. We appreciate the dedication of our Mission Committee members who attend the meetings at their own expense and do so much to help our missionary families.

Our Retreat for this year will be held August 9-12, 2010. Our guest speaker for this year will be Evangelist Neal Hatfield. He and his wife will hold a marriage enrichment seminar during the morning classes and he will be preaching each evening.

This is a time when our missionaries can enjoy a few days of relaxation and both physical and spiritual refreshment. Pray for this meeting that the Lord will send a spirit of revival and refreshment to our missionaries who will be attending the retreat.



**David Schembera**

WBF Assistant Missions Director

**"GO YE"  
DOES IT REALLY  
MEAN "ME?"**

**Mark 16:15** "And he said unto them,  
Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

"Go ye" is not a geographical command, and not every Christian should be a missionary to a foreign country. However, every Christian should be willing to be one; it is a question of commitment to Christ. It is God that decides the field of service for each of His Children. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth. There is nothing in Scripture that excludes any Christian. We all must share in the task. The whole of the Great Commission can only be reached by Christ's whole army being involved. God means "YOU" when He said "Go ye into all the world."

God's method is **men**. He could have sent angels to evangelize the world, but He did not. He could have broadcasted the message from Heaven somehow, but He did not. He could have used a heavenly TV, computer, I-Pod or some other electronic gadget, but He did not. God chose men, saved men, to win other sinners to Himself. Men win men and the whole of the New Testament shows that saved sinners are winning lost sinners. A prime example is found in Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8. The Eunuch was seeking God and he had obtained a copy of Isaiah and was reading from chapter 53. He was reading it, and Philip asked him, "Do you clearly understand what you are reading?" He answered, "How can I, unless some one guides me?" Then Philip, the saved sinner, went up into the chariot and led the lost sinner, the Eunuch, to Christ. This is God's way and His method is men.

The church is still in want for witnesses. Two thousand years ago Christ commanded the gospel to be preached to every creature and currently over half of our world is still unreached. Has God not called enough Christians for the task at hand? He must have, but the work has not been done yet. Why? Maybe it is because some Christians have disobeyed God's call.

*"When I stand before the judgment throne  
And see the unreached there  
Shall I tell the Lord whose love I own  
That I knew - but simply didn't care?"*

This is a truth that we really do not like to face. However much it pains us, the fact remains, many men are still lost. Many have never heard the Gospel message one time before they died. The fact that mankind is lost without Christ made necessary God's plan of redemption. What brought God's Son to this sin-cursed earth? He himself said, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Are there other ways for the heathen, lost people everywhere to be saved without hearing about Christ? That would cut the vital nerve cord to missions. If lost sinners could be saved without going to them, then why go? Why the sacrifice, separation and suffering if the heathen are already heaven-bound? It is impossible for anyone to be saved outside a personal faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible clearly states that all men are lost, hell-bound, without a personal experience with Christ (Romans 3:23, 6:23); without hope. However in Romans 6:23b, we have the eternal hope in Christ; coupled with John 14:6 there is blessed hope and security for the believer. We are eternally saved and we need to live like we are saved each and every day. We need to live our belief before men that others might see Christ in us. God will never ask you to do what you cannot do. We are required to do what we can do, be faithful about it, and just **DO IT**. What you can do, you must do, and lost souls are depending on YOU. Help in world evangelization; help reach every creature with the Gospel, both here at home and on the foreign field.

**"GOD DOES MEAN YOU."**

## Signs You Live In 2010

- You just tried your email password on the microwave.
- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- You call your sons' beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He emails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"
- Your daughter sells Girl Scout cookies from her web site.
- You chat several times a day with a stranger in South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbor in years.
- You pull up in your drive way and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
- Every commercial on TV has a web site address at the bottom of the screen.
- You never leave your house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years of your life.
- Instead of using cash money, you use a credit or debit card.

**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD?** Let's not lose the sense of personal fellowship. See you in May for the Spring Meeting of the World Baptist Fellowship.

## Where to Stay for the MAY FELLOWSHIP

- **Best Western** - Arlington, 76015  
4024 Melear Dr  
Exit #449 off I-20  
**817.784.9490**
- **Days Inn** - Arlington, 76015  
1901 W Pleasant Ridge Rd  
Exit #449 Off I-20  
**817.466.3800**
- **Quality Inn @ Arlington Highlands** - Arlington, 76011  
121 East I-20  
Exit #450 off I-20  
**817.784.8750**
- **Sleep Inn** - Arlington, 76011  
750 Six Flags Dr  
Exit Six Flags Dr off of 360, go to West  
**817.466.3800**

# World Baptist Fellowship

# MAY FELLOWSHIP

May 10 - 13, 2010

On the Campus of the Arlington Baptist College

## “REACH”

- **Monday Evening - 6:30 - Family and Friends Fellowship**

(J. Frank Norris Auditorium)

- Reconnection Fellowship (informal reunion)
- Refreshments
- Progress and Goal Report - Dr. D.L. Moody

### **Tuesday - Reach the Nation**

- **Tuesday Morning - 9:30 - Morning Service**

(J. Frank Norris Auditorium)

- 9:30-9:45 - Praise and Worship
- 9:45-10:15 - Testimony of Church Planters
- 10:15-10:30 - Praise and Worship
- 10:30-11:00 - Speaker: **Dr. Gary Coleman** (Garland, TX)
- 11:00-11:15 - Praise and Worship
- 11:15-11:45 - Speaker: **Brian Bloye** (Dallas, GA)
- 11:45-12:00 - Announcements and Dismiss

- **Tuesday Afternoon - 2:00**

- Ladies Meeting - “Chicks, Chocolate, and Chatting”  
(ABC Cafeteria)
- Advisory Council For All Men (Fine Arts Chapel)

- **Tuesday Evening - 7:00 - Evening Service**

(J. Frank Norris Auditorium)

- 7:00-7:15 - Praise and Worship
- 7:15-7:20 - Recognition of Guests . . .
- 7:20-7:30 - College Offering (goal \$180,000)
- 7:30-7:40 - Special Music Presentation
- 7:45-8:15 - Speaker: **Dr. Tim Lee** (Garland, TX)

### **Wednesday - Reach the World**

- **Wednesday Morning - 9:30 - Morning Service**

(J. Frank Norris Auditorium)

- 9:30-9:45 - Praise and Worship
- 9:45-10:15 - Testimony of Church Planters (missionaries)
- 10:15-10:30 - Praise and Worship

10:30-10:45 - **ABC Student Preacher**

10:45-11:15 - Speaker: **Brian Bloye** (Dallas, GA)

11:15-11:30 - Praise and Worship

11:30-12:00 - Speaker: **Dr. Phil Hoskin** (Kingsport, TN)

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- **Thursday Morning - Golf Tournament**

- **Thursday Evening - 7:00**

- **Arlington Baptist College Commencement Service**

(J. Frank Norris Auditorium)

Speaker: **Dr. Jerry Thorpe**

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