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and he shall give thee the desires
of thine heart.”*

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**Arlington Baptist College
 Volleyball Schedule 2015**

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Fri, 8-21	Eastfield College	5 PM	Home
Sat, 8-22	Dallas Baptist University	12 PM	Dallas, TX
Mon, 8-24	Texas Wesleyan University	7 PM	Fort Worth, TX
Tue, 8-25	Northlake College	6 PM	Irving, TX
Thur, 8-27	Cisco College	1 PM	Home
Mon, 8-31	Vernon, Lee, Cedar Valley	12, 2 & 6 PM	Lancaster, TX
Tue, 9-1	Ranger College	6 PM	Home
Thur, 9-3	Richland College	6 PM	Home
Tue, 9-8	Ranger College	6 PM	Ranger, TX
Fri, 9-11	Southwestern Assemblies of God	7 PM	Waxahache, TX
Tue, 9-12	Ozark Christian College	12 PM	Home
Mon, 9-14	Cedar Valley College	6:30 PM	Home
Tue, 9-15	Dallas Christian College	6 PM	Dallas, TX
Thur, 9-17	Northlake College	6 PM	Home
Sat, 9-19	Barclay College	12 PM	Home
Tue, 9-22	Austin College	TBA	Home
Thur, 9-24	Southwest Adventist University	TBA	Keene, TX
Sat, 9-26	Hillsdale College	12 PM	Moore, OK
Tue, 9-29	Dallad Christian College	5 PM	Home
Thur, 10-1	University of Dallas	7 PM	Dallas, TX
Tue, 10-6	Richland College	6 PM	Dallas, TX
Fri, 10-9	Barclay College, Calvary College	5, 6:30 PM	Haviland, KS
Tue, 10-13	Hillsdale College	5 PM	Moore, OK
Fri, 10-16	Eastfield College	5 PM	Dallas, TX
Mon, 10-19	Southwestern Assemblies of God	7 PM	Home
Tue, 10-20	Austin College, Jarvis College	4, 6 PM	Sherman, TX
Fri, 10-23	LeTourneau University	7 PM	Longview, TX
Mon, 10-26	Southwest Adventist University	TBA	Home
10/29-31	NCCAA Regional Tournament	TBA	Moore, OK
11/5-7	ACCA National Tournament	TBA	Joplin, MO
11/12-14	NCCAA National Tournament	TBA	TBA

**Arlington Baptist Patriot
 Basketball Schedule 2015-16**

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sat, 10-24	M Scrimmage @ Northlake CC	TBA	Dallas, TX
Tue, 10-27	W/M Scrimmage @ Jarvis Christian College	5 & 7 PM	Hawkins, TX
Mon, 11-2	W/M John Brown University	5 & 7 PM	Siloam Springs, AR
Tue, 11-3	W/M Rhema Bible College	5 & 7 PM	Broken Arrow, OK
Tue, 11-10	W/M Texas College	5 & 7 PM	Home
Tue, 11-17	W/M Angelo St. University	5 & 7 PM	San Angelo, TX
Wed, 11-18	W/M University of Texas Permian Basin	2 & 4 PM	Odessa, TX
Fri, 11-20	W/M El Centro College	6:30 & 8:30 PM	Home
Tue, 11-24	W/M University of St. Thomas	5 & 7 PM	Houston, TX
Tue, 12-1	W/M Tarleton St. University	5 & 7 PM	Stephenville, TX
Fri, 12-4	W/M Hillsdale Freewill Baptist	5:30 & 7:30 PM	Moore, TX
Sat, 12-5	M Dallas Baptist University	5 PM	Dallas, TX
Fri, 12-11	M/W Ozark Christian College	5 & 7 PM	Home
Sat, 12-12	M Houston Baptist University	7:30 PM	Houston, TX
Mon, 12-14	M/W Southwestern Assemblies of God	5 & 7 PM	Waxahache, TX
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Thur, 1-7	W/M University of Valley Forge	4 & 6 PM	Moore, OK
Fri, 1-8	W/M Trinity Bible, Central Christian College	3 & 5 PM	Moore, OK
Sat, 1-9	W/M Barclay College	12 & 2 PM	Haviland, KS
Tue, 1-12	W/M Jarvis Christian College	5 & 7 PM	Home
Sat, 1-16	W/M Barclay College	12 & 2 PM	Home
Tue, 1-19	W/M Dallas Christian College	5:30 & 7:30 PM	Dallas, TX
Thur, 1-21	W/M University of Texas Tyler	5 & 7 PM	Home
Tue, 1-26	W/M Texas AM Commerce University	5 & 7 PM	Commerce, TX
Fri, 1-29	W/M El Centro College	6:30 & 8:30 PM	Home
Tue, 2-2	W/M Southwest Adventist University	5 & 7 PM	Keene, TX
Thur, 2-4	W/M Rhema Bible College	5 & 7 PM	Home
Mon, 2-8	W/M Hillsdale Freewill Baptist	5 & 7 PM	Home
Fri, 2-12	W/M Dallas Christian College	5 & 7 PM	Home
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A LEGACY

Dr. D.L. Moody
President
Arlington Baptist College

In 2014, my dear friend, Dr. F. Merle May, went to be with Jesus. Dr. May had been a faithful supporter of Arlington Baptist College and several WBF missionaries as well as an instructor in the Bible department of the college. He had founded and served as pastor of the Victory Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, for over 20 years. Our loss was, indeed, heaven's gain.

After the passing of her pastor, the Victory Baptist Church continued to meet for the next several months. By the end of the year, it became evident that it would be necessary to close the church. However, the ministry of the church and Dr. May has not ended.

The church voted to donate the building and property to Arlington Baptist College. As per the church's wishes, at the sale of the property, a portion of the proceeds will go to a sister-church in Llano, Texas, and a special gift will be made to each of the missionaries that it was currently supporting. The remainder of the proceeds will be used by the college to renovate the Student Union Building on the ABC campus. A beautiful, comfortable, and exciting place for students to meet, fellowship, study, worship, and just hang out will be made available to them.

The college board of directors has unanimously voted to rename the building The F. Merle & Virginia May Student Center. For years to come, the ministry and legacy of Dr. and Mrs. May and Victory Baptist Church will be remembered and the work that they were instrumental in starting and carrying on for over twenty years will continue to bear fruit as an investment in future leaders of Christian ministry. We currently have a contract pending for the sale of the property to another congregation.

This generous act of the Victory Baptist Church, to honor their faithful pastor, is an illustration of the fact that the death of a servant of God does not mean the end of contribution of an impactful life. This is legacy!

Let me encourage others to prayerfully consider doing something of a similar nature. You may not have a church property to donate but perhaps you would consider, first, making your local church and then Arlington Baptist College a part of your estate planning and last wishes. Regardless of how large or small your gift would be, you would be making a final and yet continuing contribution to the work and ministry of the Gospel of Christ. Your life's work continues to be used of God... legacy!

I am a strong proponent of making sure your family is taken care of when you are gone. After that is done, however, I cannot think of a better legacy to leave than to include the work of the ministry as a part of your final wishes. It was said of Abel, "he being dead yet speaketh" (Heb. 11:4); the same could be said of you. This is legacy!

DEDICATION

MEL AND CHARLENE NEILL DORMITORY IN ECUADOR by Ben Langley

Many years ago "there was a man sent from God whose name was Mel Neill " Mel and Charlene spent their life loving and teaching The Ecuadorian people. Before he went home to be with the Lord he talked to me about a project that was very close to his heart. He wanted to build a couples' dormitory at the Bible Institute in Santo Domingo, Ecuador. Mel made one last trip to Ecuador about two months before his passing, and when he returned he expressed a desire to get this project completed this year.

The original plan was to build two floors with ten rooms. Because of the generosity of Churches and individuals we were able to build the third floor and the building contains fifteen rooms all with private baths and tiled showers, and ceramic tile floors.

The building was completed and a dedication service was held on June 27, 2015. There were many of the national Pastors there who were Mel's sons and grandsons in the ministry. Many Churches are alive and well today in the country of Ecuador because a faithful couple with a servant's heart went where God called them and did a work that will live until Jesus comes! Our friend and missionary has been promoted to Glory, but the works go on to the glory of God!

The plaque that was placed on the building says "This building is dedicated in honor of Mel and Charlene Neill, faithful missionaries to Ecuador"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE!





Charles Bartlett
President

World Baptist Fellowship

ENJOY CHANGE

My wife and I have the privilege of working with a moving company here in Wichita Falls as chaplains through Marketplace Ministries. In this company they have different buttons they wear with sayings to try and encourage their employees to be the best they can be and produce all they can through sales and other areas. One of these sayings is taken from a John Maxwell statement that says we need to learn to "Enjoy Change". We should learn to enjoy change, to live with joy, even in the midst of change. That may be hard for some because many of us get set in our way of doing things. But we must remember sometimes change is good and we should learn to endure and enjoy it.

I am glad there are some things that never change.

- God doesn't change. Malachi 3:6 – "For I am the Lord, I change not." Because of this God's love for mankind doesn't change. He still loves the world and wants everyone to be saved. He is still the same.
- God's Word doesn't change. It will last forever.
- God's plan of salvation hasn't changed. People are still saved through the blood of Jesus. He is the only way to the Father, the only way to be saved.

These things will never change. But as life goes on, some things will change.

- People change, sometimes for good, other times bad.
- Families change. As a parent and grandparent we see that with our children and grandchildren as they grow.
- Our country is changing. Recently we have seen how many have tried to re-define marriage from a Biblical standpoint. Our Judeo-Christian ethics on which our country was founded upon are no longer the standard.

With all these things going on, how can we truly enjoy change? I don't guess we have to accept it but can know it is a sign of things to come. We must look to the Word of God and see that things will get worse before they get better.

Luke 21:28 – "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

On a different note of change, I hope you are making plans to be with us at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee, Florida, October 12-14. Bro. Kenric Barnett and the people of that great church are planning a great meeting for us. It will also be a time where we show appreciation to our missionaries but also to Bro. and Mrs. Raley for their faithful years of service as they pass the baton of leadership of WBF Missions to Bro. Joey and Mrs. Julie Bacon. It will be a great meeting so I hope you will be with us.

COMPROMISING THE WORD



Wendell Hiers
Editor
Fundamentalist

At Odds With a Depraved Culture

From the days of the primitive church Christians have been singled out by their exemplary lives in contrast to an immoral culture. In every generation they have adapted to acceptable morals of behavior. One of the criticisms directed toward Fundamental Baptists in days gone by was their failure or refusal to connect to their culture. They were looked upon as being a frustrated, fanatical people made insecure by the problems and opportunities of modern change. Implied in this criticism is ill will toward Fundamental Baptists. However, this criticism is recurrent in the 21st century and understandably so, since Christians take seriously the scriptural warning to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. Through the centuries this has been the characteristic of the church. Worthy of note is the fact that first-century Roman hedonists made this same charge against the early church.

Sincere Christians love and are loved by God whose standards are theirs and whose commands they seek to obey. In every generation they have adapted to acceptable standards of behavior. What set them apart was their godly behavior requiring separation from immoral practices. Christians of every generation have made a distinction between living in the world and being of the world because they belonged to a city "whose builder and maker is God. They understood that their "existence is on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven." Living in this way has resulted in rejection by contemporary culture in every generation. And this I believe to be the heritage of Fundamental Baptists today to emulate our Savior, and to join our valiant ancestors, who, if alive today, I feel would encourage us in our rejection of worldly standards. Men like J. Frank Norris and Earl Oldham would encourage us to reject homosexuality and same-sex marriage, abortion, fornication, and a myriad of other immoral practices that have become prevalent and acceptable in our 21st century culture. We should be able to identify Fundamental Baptists as a pattern of the early church, and as such, being at odds with a 21st century culture because of its belief system, and as a result has made the movement the object of ridicule and eventual persecution.

There was a time when Fundamental Baptists refused to accept or participate in, any kind of behavior that exalted sensual pleasure and belittled Biblical principles. Such a stance today is seen by many as unnecessary and obsolete. Nevertheless, biblical standards have not changed. It's still modesty, a style of dress that maintains standards of modesty and moderation. Music styles have also changed, leaving Fundamental Baptists perplexed as to what is appropriate. Partisanship and personal taste seem to play a much larger role in worship than they once did. Yet standards of selectivity must still govern choices. Is the music associated with a moral evil such as the drug or rock culture? How about the lyrics, are they doctrinally sound? Someone has said that people define their identity by what they wear and the music to which they listen. If that is true would it not be appropriate for Fundamental Baptists to identify themselves by the best possible standards in any given culture?

The media has given us a world of entertainment immeasurably more corrupt than in past decades. Today TV, video rentals, and the Internet have made it much easier to bring Hollywood, with all of its unconcealed sex and violence, into the Christian home. With this cultural occurrence and with its ease of access has come a corresponding open-mindedness and even acceptance of the world's standards. One can't help but notice that we live in a culture that is becoming increasingly pornographic. We now live in a culture of entertainment incalculably more corrupt than the days of our Fundamental Baptists forefathers.

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By
Marjorie Moffitt



Heatbeat Of The WBF

While most refer to their education ministry as Sunday School, they call theirs "Connections". At 9:00 a.m. a mini fellowship begins to allow them to interact with one another and bring people together to get to know one another better. At 9:30 their study begins, and at 10:30 their worship service. Their music is led by a praise team as they sing contemporary choruses. There is no Sunday night service, but on Wednesday night they have a prayer and praise service with testimonies and a Bible lesson.

When you approach Crane from Odessa on 385, you'll see a large sign telling about their church. Go South on 385 to Fifth street and turn right. 207 West Fifth Street will be about 2 blocks down. If you have questions, call 432-558-3336, and someone at the church will direct you.

Finding a good church that is doctrinally sound and meets the spiritual needs of members of any family is very important. Let me introduce you to three pastors today. In all their churches there's a way for everyone to use their talents for the Lord, so encourage your friends and family to take a look.

Bro. Doug Rife is pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife, Marissa have three boys: Garrett, age 11, Ethan, age 8, and Bryan, age 4. It's natural that the boys would love sports since their dad is an avid Florida Gator Football fan. They call Jacksonville, Florida home. His dad, Rick Rife, was a pastor, and Bro. Doug was called to preach when he was nine years old. He and Marissa met in High school while attending a Christian academy, but didn't really get to know each other until they started to Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville. They dated three years before they married. Bro. Doug is currently working on his Masters degree at Southwest Theological Seminary. Marissa plays the piano and is active in their children's ministry, is receptionist for their day care center and Temple Christian School with over six hundred children in attendance.

He would like you to know these facts about his church: Great preaching, of course. They have a contemporary music program led by a praise team. Sunday School for all ages, and three different ages of Children's Church. Blake Baxter, their new Youth Director has an active program for their young people. Their senior adults group is called "Fab Fifties" for those fifty and above in age. Besides their church activities, they go to concerts, local events, museums, etc. For their community outreach, they have five major events annually, plus a one on one outreach. A Family event the day before Easter, Trunk or Treat on Halloween, VBS for third through fifth grades for their juniors, and of course, Sr. Camp. Their Mission program is their main focus. They use Faith Promise, and take at least one major overseas trip each year. Missions IS the mission of their church. It's not just a program, it's essential to who they are.

The address of the church is 6824 Randol Mill Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76120. It is just east of Hwy. 820 on Randol Mill Rd. in Northeast Fort Worth. Their phone number 817-496-4011, and their e-mail address is: www.templebaptistchurch.net

Now, read about Tim King, Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane, TX. He and his wife, Kelcie, have been at the church for two and one half years. Their two sons Brandon and Ryan both love the Lord's work, and are active in church. They enjoy working in the sound room. When they have a few minutes to relax, they all love to go target shooting, watch movies together, and photography. They like all sports - especially the Dallas Cowboys and Nascar. Talented out the "Kazoo", Bro. Tim and Kelcie love to sing together. He is passionate about living for the Lord, his family, his ministry, people in general and truth and justice. They are especially proud to soon be joining the ranks of grandparents. Their daughter, Briana and her husband, Cody, work at the church. She is the church secretary, and during the day he works at a gas company, but also they both work with the youth pastor in the youth department. Briana will give them their first grandchild around the first of October.

Bro. Tim grew up in Spain as a "missionary kid" of Lonnie and JoAnn King. He graduated from High School in Spain. Having had a lot of fellowship with missionaries growing up, as well as interaction with American youth on military bases when his Dad would preach to servicemen, he didn't have the culture shock that most missionary kiddos have when returning to the states.

When he graduated from high school he attended Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College West in Denver, Colorado, was a missionary with the Baptist Bible Fellowship for a total of twelve years. During that time they started the Montegrande Baptist Church in a suburb of the capital city Murcia, Spain. They came back to the U.S. and he was pastor for eight years of San Pedro Valley Baptist Church in Dudleyville, Arizona (northeast of Tucson). Then God led him to come to Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane, TX. In the last two years they have witnessed the salvation of over fifty people, with thirty to forty people baptized. The attendance has doubled since their coming. God is truly blessing their ministry there.

On October 12-14, 2015 we will be privileged to attend the WBF Fellowship Meeting at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee, Florida where Bro. Kenric Barnett is pastor. He and his lovely wife, Ella, and their children: Naomi,(19) Maddison,(17) and Camri (9) will be there to introduce us to their wonderful people. FYI: Naomi's major in college is Education. She is hoping the Lord will allow her to teach English to Spanish speaking people, hopefully on the mission field. When Maddison graduates from High School, she wants to become a registered nurse. Right now her passion is volley ball. Camri has a butterfly garden, and is the social butterfly of the family letting everyone see her sweetness, happiness and joy. Their mother, Ella, is a registered nurse working in oncology helping cancer patients with their chemo. She has a beautiful opportunity to minister to those who are hurting as God shines through her compassionate, sweet, gentle spirit. Anytime you have a chance to be around this family, you will fall totally in love with them just as their members have.

Bro. Kenric came to the church in 1998 from Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington, TX to become their Youth Director. Then, for the last eight years he has been their beloved pastor. He is a fantastic pastor and a great preacher. Just normal pastoral duties are enough, but add to that supervising a building program, plus regular ministry responsibilities, are enough to turn a pastor's hair gray. He says it's not only turning gray, but it's coming out (and he's not pulling it out!) He laughingly told me he was fast losing his hair AND his mind! His mother told me, (and mothers are never wrong!), " he is a very caring, people person, thrifty, not afraid of work, and is a jack of all trades." Needless to say, like all parents, Bertha and Bro. Ken are very proud of their son. Bro. Kenric loves to fish, enjoys sports of all kinds, and LOVE'S to eat different multicultural foods, but his main hobby is people. He loves just being with people of any age.

Their church services are more traditional, but they do have some contemporary choruses they sing. I'm sure we'll have the pleasure of hearing their choir sing during the fellowship meeting. He reports that their church is made up of families that love each other and treasure being able to serve the Lord together. They are excited about what God is doing in their community, and take pride in being able to have a part in the different ministries in the church.

It may sound confusing, but it isn't really. Although their postal address is 1006 East Crown Point Rd., Ocoee, Florida 34761, they are in West Orange County off toll road 429, and one a half miles north of Plant street at 1006 East Crown Point Rd. located in the city limits of Winter Garden.

As we said to begin with, The WBF Fellowship Meeting is going to be held October 12-14. Make your reservations now and plan to attend.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARY WIDOWS

World Baptist Fellowship

TRANSITION

As we make the transition in the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency to our new Mission Director, Bro. Joey Bacon, we want things to go as smoothly as humanly possible. I will continue to work with him as long as he needs me and will be here at the Mission Office while he is away in deputation meetings. The Mission Director draws no salary from the Mission Agency but raises his own support as do all our missionaries. Therefore, it will be necessary for Bro. Bacon to be away a great deal of time during his first months as Mission Director. Because I will be available there will be no lack of direction here at the Mission Office and things will continue to operate smoothly. If you need to contact Bro. Bacon you may call his cell number: 432-935-4778 or call the Mission Office at 817-274-7161 and we will relay the message to him. His email address is: joey.bacon@wbfma.net if you wish to contact him by email.

It will be a great blessing to Bro. Bacon and his family if you will go ahead and take him on for financial support and perhaps have him come to your church at a later date. This will enable him to more easily get established here at the office and get into the routine of the work. Pray for the Bacons that the Lord will provide their financial support in a short time so that they can dedicate themselves to the work without having to travel extensively during the first months of his ministry.

This will also be a time of transition for me. I will begin the ministry as Mission Representative and would like to be in as many churches as possible in the future to present the ministry of the WBF Mission Agency and also to make known special needs of our missionary families. I will be limited in travel for the first months as Bro. Bacon travels to raise his support but as soon as possible I would like to begin visiting churches as Mission Representative. If you would like to have me come to your church for a meeting please contact me and I will work you into my schedule. You may contact me at the Mission Office, at my cell number: 817-296-2738 or by email at tommy.raley@wbfma.net

It is hard to think about transition but change in life is inevitable. It was a change for my family and me when we began deputation in 1970 and traveled around the country visiting churches. It was a great change when we went to language school and began to learn a new language and a new culture. It was a tremendous change when we arrived on the field in Colombia and quickly learned just how little of the language we knew and understood. It was a dramatic change when I first began to preach in Spanish

and spent hours in preparing sermons in that new language. It was a change when we began to adapt to our new culture and our adopted country. Things were sure different than they were in Texas!

We grew to love the people, language and culture in Colombia and saw the Lord bless our efforts with souls saved and new churches started. Then another change was necessary due to ill health and we were forced to return to the U. S. for long-term medical treatments. God was good to allow me the privilege of serving as Pastor of three wonderful churches during those years. Then the Lord allowed us to return to the mission field in Mexico and we again enjoyed His blessings on the work in seeing souls saved and another church started in a suburb of Monterrey called Tres Caminos. The churches in Colombia and Mexico continue on today under the leadership of national pastors.

Perhaps the biggest transition in our lives was the call by the WBF Mission Committee to come to the Mission Office as Mission Director. These past 25 years have been filled with challenges and blessings and have perhaps been the most enjoyable years of our ministry.

Now it is time for another transition in our lives. Although we will still be involved in the work of missions the ministry will be different. I look forward to this time with great anticipation and excitement.

What I really look forward to and long for is the "transition" from this life to eternity where all of God's children will be in His presence for all of eternity. That will indeed be a great transition!



Tommy Raley
*Director Emeritus/
Mission Representative*

WHY MISSIONARIES CAN NEVER GO HOME AGAIN

Written by Karl Dahlfred on 25 November 2014.

When a new missionary first gets to the mission field, it is obvious where home is. It is that place where you just left. It is the place where you grew up, went to school, got an education, discovered a church family, and formed your most important relationships.

But when you live overseas long enough, a strange transition takes place.

Your "home" country doesn't quite feel like home anymore. When you "go home", some of the same people and places are there, but life has moved on in your absence. When you show up for the so-called "home assignment" or "furlough," you can not just pick up where you left off. You are a visitor. An outsider. A guest without a permanent role. Your close friends have made new close friends. Half the people in your home church only know you as a line item on a list of prayer requests. Some new technology, slang, or cultural trend has become common place... expect for you because you missed it when it first came out.

On the mission field, you said things like, "Back in my country..." but few local people in your host country could relate to your story. They listened politely but you knew they didn't really understand. But that's okay. You comfort yourself with the thought, "People back home would understand me."

But strangely enough, those people back home who were sure to understand... well, they don't. Now that you are home, you are full of experiences and stories from the place that has become your second home. You say things like, "Back in my host country..." But, of course, whatever story you tell them about your host country is hard to relate to. The things that you really miss about your host country receive a blank stare, or a "That's weird." After your quaint tale is done, people go back to talking about the local sports team, the latest in national politics, or something else that you haven't given much thought to in the past few years. It is not that they don't like you. They do. They are glad you are finally "home." But those "back home" people simply can not relate to your experiences "out there" in that country with the funny name whose people have even funnier (and unpronounceable) names.

On "home assignment", people say to you, "Isn't it great to be home!" and you think, "Yeah, kind of." Now that you've had a few of your favorite foods and seen a few old friends, there are fewer reasons to stay "home." You start to miss all those things about your host country that you came to love. Certain foods, local friends, the ministry role that you were happily engaged in.

Home is no longer home. And sadly, that other place on the mission field will never truly be home either. Home is both places, and neither place, at the same time.

*When at "home", the missionary dreams about their host country.
When in their host country, the missionary dreams about their home country.*

Missionaries are forever caught between two worlds. They can no longer completely identify with the people whom they left behind in the home country. But they can never truly identify with the people in their host country.

*Home is everywhere.
Home is nowhere.*

But that's okay. There have been other travelers on this road.

"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city." (Hebrews 11:13-16)

While here on earth, we will always feel a bit unsettled and out of place. Missionaries and those of us living away from the place we grew up may experience that more than others. But someday, all those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ will finally be home again.

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CHURCH HISTORY

The Good Shepherd Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Texas began as a desire in the heart of its founding pastor, Rev. Willie E. Milbry. He wanted to establish a place of worship where people of every cultural classification, socio-economic level and color of skin could not only come, but would come together in "spirit and in truth" to worship our mighty God, the Creator of all mankind.

The Bible says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalm 37:4) Thus, Good Shepherd began as a mighty move of the hand of God. The wheels of Providence were put into motion with a letter to Pastor Willie from a childhood friend from Ohio, a dear sister in Christ, Mrs. Jessica Chavers, who now resides in Florida with her husband and family. The letter stated that Mrs. Chavers' pastor, Dr. Lloyd E. Meyer, was relocating to Arlington, Texas and it would be good for the two men to meet.

Approximately three months later the two men met at the home of Dr. Meyer where the vision was shared, the Lord's guidance was sought, and Dr. Meyer offered to help. Within a very short span of time God brought the next component into this kingdom building work; Dr. D. L. Moody of Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. God moved and Pleasantview accepted the challenge of being the sponsoring church of what was to become the Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Praise be to God for the missionary zeal, sharing, and caring spirit of His saints at Pleasantview Baptist Church and all the other individuals, churches and organizations that have stepped in to lend a much needed and greatly appreciated helping hand.

Obedying the biblical mandate to "Preach the Word", Good Shepherd had its inaugural service on January 4, 2009. We began this work at 830 Mayfield Road, Suite 600, Grand Prairie, TX.

Three and a half years later, again through God's Providential Grace, He moved us just up the road to 1880 Mayfield Road, Grand Prairie, TX where on Sunday, July 12, 2015 we held our first Worship Services in this edifice, our present location. Praise be to God!



Pastor Will & Sis. Elvernice Milbry

This History was recorded July 2015 for the church's 6th Anniversary program.

“WHERE AND WHAT IS THE 10/40 WINDOW?”



David Schembera
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There are churches and other missionary supporters that will “only” support missionaries that work in the 10/40 window. I have heard of this term for years, and I really want to know - **What is the 10/40 window, and exactly where is it located on the world map?** I looked in the dictionary and it is not listed there under the 10-40 window name, some

encyclopedias hint but no definitive answer. So, Google got the job and has the answer I was looking for. The 10/40 Window is: “the rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia approximately between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude.” The 10/40 Window is often called “The Resistant Belt” and includes the majority of the world’s Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists. The original 10/40 Window included only countries with at least 50% of their land mass within 10 and 40 degrees north latitude. The revised 10/40 Window includes several additional countries, such as Indonesia, that are close to 10 or 40 degrees north latitude and have high concentrations of unreached people groups. Seemingly, this is the most difficult area for missionaries to evangelize. The 10/40 Window concept highlights three elements: an area of the world’s greatest poverty and low quality of life, combined with lack of access to Christian resources. The Window forms a band encompassing Sahara and Northern Africa, as well as almost all of Asia (West Asia, Central Asia, South Asia, East Asia and much of Southeast Asia). Roughly [two-thirds of the world’s population live in the 10/40 Window](#). The 10/40 Window is populated by people who are predominantly Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, animist, Jewish or atheist. Many governments in the 10/40 Window are formally or informally opposed to any kind of Christian work within their borders.

The 10/40 Window has several important considerations: first, the historical and Biblical significance; second, the **least evangelized countries**; third, the unreached people groups and cities; fourth, the dominance of three religious blocs; fifth, the preponderance of the poor; sixth, the strongholds of Satan are within the 10/40 Window.

Two thirds of the world’s population may well live in this window and desperately need to hear the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Without hearing there is no hope for salvation, they must hear. But how about the other one third? Aren’t they just as important as the ones in the 10/40 window? Are they any more, or less, important to God? No, God is no respecter of persons, he requires the same from all people. Many missionaries are working in this 10/40 window because there are billions of people who need to hear and many are wide open to hear Jesus’ message. So many everywhere have the same need. The Bible teaches us the fields are white unto harvest and there are so few laborers. Most countries of the world prohibit others to come into their lands and take jobs away from their own people. It takes a lot of money to do the work of an evangelist (Missionary) and they need our help prayerfully, financially and more missionaries are needed. What would God have you and me do for the lost world? Where more is given, more is required. We need to be involved in any way we can to see that the lost hear. God bless you as we labor together until He comes. 1 Corinthians 3:9 “For we are labourers together with God.....”

JUST THOUGHTS



Linda Raley
WBF Mission Agency

I have always been amazed how things we hear or see can bring back such overwhelming memories. They can bring to mind happenings that we’d not thought about for ages. All of a sudden here they come running into our minds so vivid that it seems like only yesterday they happened.

Today I was sitting in a Mexican restaurant near our office for lunch. The décor was very authentic looking with effects of tejas tile roofing showing through many of the walls and definitely the colors of the walls and paintings looked very much like buildings in Monterrey and Saltillo, Mexico where we had lived and worked so many years ago. My forever sweetheart was with me and I asked him if he missed Mexico. Without even thinking he said, “Yes”.

After a quarter of a century serving our mission family in the Mission Office we will never forget the years we were privileged to minister to the people in the missions and churches of Monterrey and Saltillo. Any ministry we ever got to be a part of was always unique. We were involved with the very poor and also the middle class as well as a few who were financially well off. We saw those who were skeptical of the message of the foreigner and those who had been reached for the Lord previously and eagerly joined our endeavor to win the lost to Christ.

As we sat and reminisced I looked at the six-foot fountain beside our table. I could imagine seeing our first granddaughter playing on the fountain at our home in Monterrey and learning to skate on the long back porch. During their visit to our work our daughter-in-law caught the vision we felt of reaching out to all we met. Today her family loves missions and missionaries just as we do. We are so thankful that our children understand the ministry we have had and they love people too.

Tears came to my eyes as I remembered how God has brought so very many wonderful people into our lives. They have all left their fingerprints of love on our lives.

I have a precious cousin who uses the phrase, “Making memories”, often to say the pickle we are in is just making a memory for us. Being in the ministry of our Lord and Savior is not being in a mess it is a privilege. Launching out to a new challenge of ministry is going to be one of those “Making memories” times. I can hardly wait.

A Wild Ride

by Katrina Seller

I have a fear of roller coasters. I have made myself go on a few but it has never been an enjoyable experience for me. Fear and anxiety far out weigh any fun I might have. My senior year of high school, I remember one rollercoaster I rode at Six Flags over Texas. It was called the "Texas Giant" and at the time it bragged to be the biggest wooden rollercoaster in the world. Besides peer pressure, I do not know why I ever got on it. The whole time we were in line, as we buckled our seatbelts, and made our ascent towards the top, I was bound by fear. The state of dread over what could happen hung in the balance, but by this time there was no turning back, I was on the ride. Even now almost two decades later, I remember the anxious feeling that gripped me as we went over the top.

Over the years there are a few other events in my life that have produced this kind of fear. Prepping for surgery is a big one. The outcome is uncertain and a spirit of dread fills me, immobilizing me. My children's safety can be another. Day to day I am fine but when trouble arises fear can again hold me fast so naturally I try to avoid this kind of fear at all cost. It is a safety mechanism instilled in me that immediately puts up walls and warning signals go off reminding me that I am going where fear has been before.

Spiritually there have also been times when I have been called by the Holy Spirit to break through these walls of fear to pursue God's purposes. Fear can be a paralyzing emotion that keeps us from doing what God calls us to do. It is an effective tool of the devil in more lives than we realize. I love the verses in II Timothy that speak right to the heart of this issue. When we start to rely on God with confidence, He sees our genuine faith; He starts to produce in us the gift He has called us to. We must move forward and continually fan into flame without fear what He has started in us. Even if fear grips us we must step out of our comfort zone and into our reliance in Him. He has called us to this place. He will supply us while we are here. Verse seven of II Timothy 1 says He has not given us the spirit of dread but of miraculous ability and love. It is a safe purpose, one that can propel us from a life of fearful inability to one of loving freedom. Get ready to fulfill His call. It is going to be a wild and crazy ride, but it will be worth it!

II Timothy 1:7- "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Mark 4: 39, 40 - "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"

World Missions

by Tommy Raley

Missionary endeavor among Independent Baptists began in earnest in the early 1900's. Most of the early Independent Baptist missionaries were godly men and women who served on the mission field with denominational mission boards, and who because of growing liberalism in those denominations, separated and became Independent Baptists. Some of them affiliated with the World Fundamental Baptist Missionary Fellowship, which later became the World Baptist Fellowship. Many other doctrinally sound Independent Baptist mission fellowships and associations were formed as well, which increased the number of Independent Baptist missionaries around the world.

The ranks of Independent Baptist missionaries swelled rapidly after World War II. Young men who had served in the military in many foreign lands saw the great spiritual need in those places and after the war many surrendered their lives for the cause of world missions. The trademark of those missionaries was their desire to win souls and start and nurture indigenous local churches. Many thousands of souls were won and Independent Baptist churches were founded throughout the world.

The emphasis of those missionaries was to win souls, baptize believers, start and mature churches, and train national workers to lead those churches. Inherent in that work was the founding of Bible institutes to prepare national pastors and teachers for the work of reaching their own

Student Life 101

The fall semester is fast approaching. The excitement of returning students, transfer students, and our incoming freshmen is apparent on the campus. Someone asked me in a recent conversation, "What does Student Life entail"? I responded as follows:

1. Decisions - Our team is praying and believing that God is going to power His Holy Spirit upon the campus of Arlington Baptist College.
2. Discipleship - This year we are launching a brand new discipleship/mentoring program. On Mondays following chapel our students will be in a small group of 7-10 students and one faculty representative. This will be a great time of follow up with our students.
3. Student Activities - Once again this year we will be having Collegian events throughout the semester. Our team will introduce our students to: WOW WEEK, RIVALS WEEK, and many more events planned throughout the semester.
4. Chapels
5. Revival Fires Week - The dates for this exciting week is September 21st-23rd. Our guest speaker this year is Justin Jester. Justin and his wife Kelli are both graduates of Arlington Baptist College. Justin planted the Gateway Community Church in Edmonds, Oklahoma in 2010. Please begin to pray for God to show up and show off in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.
6. Athletic Events - These events are a huge part of student life on our campus. You can check out our athletic page and find the dates for home games or perhaps a game in your area of the world.

Would you join our team and pray for God to do a work on our campus? We simply want to see miracles on our campus that our students will say, "WOW"! Join us for a chapel this semester. We have several guest speakers throughout the fall semester. Come be a part of 2015 Student Life.

Jesus Lives,

Richard Koons

people with the Gospel. As these national workers were sent out from the churches that had been started by the missionaries to found new churches the work multiplied. In many countries around the world there are hundreds and perhaps thousands of local churches today that have been started by the nationals. That is when missionary work produces the result that the missionaries have worked and prayed for. The missionary alone can start one, or perhaps two, churches at one time. If he can train ten men to start churches then the work multiplies exponentially. That has happened and is happening around the world through the efforts of our missionaries and the workers they have trained.

Now the next step in missionary endeavor has been taken by national churches in many countries. They are now sending out missionaries from their churches to other countries around the world. From Brazil, Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, and other nations missionaries are being sent out by Independent Baptist churches. Sometimes these missionaries can freely enter countries that do not allow American missionaries. Souls are reached and new churches are started in places where Americans could not enter and work.

God's eternal plan for world evangelization is not an "American" plan; it is a Biblical plan. American missionaries are still needed throughout the world. The Great Commission is as relative to us today as it has ever been. We will never get to the place where we have too many missionaries; the growth of world population makes that impossible. The good news is that we are not alone in this endeavor to reach the world with the Gospel. There are sister churches in other countries that were once virtually unreached with the Gospel that are now actively involved in foreign missionary work. Praise the Lord for "World Missions".

Cause we're wild & crazy about students

The STUDENT SECTION

Written by: Stephen Kirkwood
Student Pastor



We Talking About Practice, Man

Way back in 2002, Allen Iverson (NBA player) went off in a press conference when questioned about his commitment to his teams' practices. He is well noted for saying, "We talkin' 'Bout practice, Man. Not a game. We talkin' 'Bout practice." As I type this article, our students here in my town are all in the midst of their summer practices for the upcoming Fall Sports season. Their days are filled with weight room training, on the field exercises and even game film study. All of these practices are designed to help our student athletes develop their skills to make them better at their respective sports. Inevitably, there are some students who are not as committed to practice as the others are and it shows on game day.

As student pastors, we don't always think about the need to "practice" our craft. We don't always think about developing our skills in a way that will make us better at what God has called us to do; However, may I suggest to you that practice is needed in the world of student ministry.

We live in a world that is constantly changing. The student culture changes seemingly daily and if we are not committed to "practice" our skills, we can soon become disconnected to our students, our chance for impact decreases, and we will lose students to the world.

Let me give you a couple "practices" you can do to help develop your craft:

1. Practice Preaching. We should practice how we handle God's Word. Don't get in a rut when it comes to your

teaching style. Mix things up. Work on your delivery. Set up a camera where you hold your gatherings and video yourself teaching/preaching. Then go back and watch it & watch for any nervous gestures you make (touching your face or rocking back & forth, etc.). Also, listen for those annoying "filler" words we use such as "umm", "you know", etc. Watch other preachers online to see how they use illustrations & deliver sermons. Practice to make yourself a better preacher!

2. Study Students. I mentioned earlier that student culture changes seemingly daily. It's important for us to stay up to date on the latest apps students are downloading, music they are listening to, tv shows they are watching, places they are going. I'm not suggesting that you have to act like a student, but we need to know what students act like. You'll want to know what they are talking about so you can take every opportunity for "teachable moments" with them.

Every athlete loves game day; however, the great athletes are willing to put in the extra practice time to make sure that they are at peak performance for game day. The same is true for us. It's what we do in "practice" (behind closed doors) that helps us succeed in the ministry!

Stephen Kirkwood- Student Pastor @ THE Connersville Baptist Temple, Connersville, IN





Editor's note: In the late 70s, João Saraiva was invited to Sunday School by Jody Wood, son of missionary to Brazil Lanny Wood. It wasn't too long until João received Christ as his Savior. As a teenager he surrendered his life to the Lord and was among the first graduates of the Baptist Leadership Seminary in Manaus. Today he pastors the Igreja Batista em Dom Pedro I (the Baptist

Church in Dom Pedro I). The church has grown under his ministry and celebrated its 39th year this past June. A more recent activity of the church was their annual Faith Promise Mission Conference in which Pastor João Saraiva preached the following message. This pastor and the church are very mission minded and support a large number of missionaries at home and abroad.

It's Time to Sow

Pastor João Saraiva

We live in difficult times. Wickedness has multiplied; people and institutions have lost control of the situation. And the righteous are hiding! It is terrible to live in a time like this. At these times many begin to ask: Where is God? Or, Why is this happening? However, there are questions that are not being made: What is my responsibility in all this? Why are we not experiencing God's protection?

Since we are part of all this, we must particularize the questions. As we have difficulty dealing with adversity, there is within us a great need to know that someone is in control. In a sense, this is dangerous because at these times come many deceivers. Few are those who tell us the real cause of our problems. But as servants of the Lord we can say with certainty: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

The Lord is not only in control of all things, but in direction. He gives the direction for all events. God has purposes. But if God is in control of all things, why are things so? Why does He not intervene? The fact is that there are things not for us to know: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in his power." (Acts 1: 7). However, there are issues that are our responsibility.

Sow the Word of God. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest...I sent you to reap whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men laboured, and ye entered into their labours." (John 4:35,38). This work has existed since the fall of Adam. The work of sowing identifies with the Lord Jesus (the second Adam), with the prophets and Israel (which had a missionary responsibility). We are in this work. Missions is our responsibility. Sowing is a legacy of the Lord. He was the first Sower (Genesis 2:8). It is His teaching (Isaiah 28:24-29). Besides teaching us to sow, Galatians 6:7-8); we will reap what we sow. God is in control of everything; however, we are responsible for everything we do, for what we plant or sow. So we must ask: What have I planted? What I have sown?

What kind of disciple am I? "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit" (Matthew 7:18). Since Genesis the Lord has so defined: "... yielding fruit after his kind," (Genesis 1:11). What we sow will not bring benefits for us, or to our generation but for future generations. If we sow for the Lord we will bless a thousand generations! But if my sowing displeases the Lord, the consequences will reach to the fourth generation. How merciful is our God!

There are two types of seeds we sow, and we will certainly reap: We can sow carnal things: contentions, (Proverbs 6:19; James 4:4), iniquity (Proverbs 22:8), wind (Hosea 8:7) and wickedness (Hosea 10:13), or we can sow spiritual things (Galatians 6: 8 and I Corinthians 9:11).

As God's people we need to reevaluate our concepts of what church is and our role here on earth. In many Christian homes parents have not taught the fear of the Lord. Parents are behaving like the wicked; they are disdainful of their children by not giving them the attention they need, and they are seeing their children become wicked. It is what we are seeing every day. These evils that are plaguing our society are the consequences of what was planted for generations. It is interesting that in the text of Hosea 8:7 the word "wind" is the Hebrew word "Ruah" meaning vanity, vain idols. In the context it is the act of rejecting the Word of the Lord (Hosea 8:1) and the Lord himself (Hosea 8:3) and choosing to trust men (Hosea 8: 4) and in idols (Hosea 8:4b-6). This generation does not want God in their business! They prefer to attribute their success to luck, than to recognize the work of God in their lives! They do not want God in their homes! They prefer to fill them with vanities than to give Him the rightful place, expressing this through family worship. They do not want God in their minds! They neglect meditation of the Word to devote themselves to the activities planned by the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4).

I challenge you to recognize the quality of your sowing. If the quality of your sowing has not been good, repent! Change your planting! Sow spiritual things. This is our responsibility! Invest in discipleship, invest in missions. The need of the hour is not resources to do the work, the need of the hour is men who trust in God's ability! They believe that He is in control of all things, He has all authority and all resources. (Matthew 28: 18-20). How will eternity be for you? Yes, it is time to sow! God promises to reward those who wisely invest their lives in His eternal purposes. It is time to SOW!

WELCOME NEW MISSIONARIES

We welcome to the WBF Mission Family Clayton and Jodi Watkins and their two children, Conner and Eva. The Watkins are sent out by the Ramseur Baptist Church in Paris, Texas and will be going to the Central American country of Costa Rica.

Clayton is a graduate of Texas A & M Commerce and is currently enrolled in the Master of Theology program at Arlington Baptist College. Jodi is also taking classes at ABC.

The Watkins are beginning their deputation ministry and will be available for meetings within a 300 mile distance of the DFW area this fall. If you would like to have them for a meeting you may contact them through the Mission Office or by phone at: 903-900-0907.

Clayton and Jodi are excited about the ministry God has in store for them and are looking forward to the day they can begin a church planting ministry in Costa Rica. Please pray for them as they begin their deputation ministry.



THE MISSIONS CORNER

Spending Time On The Front Lines

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You have seen the video footage, maybe even the photographs. The President makes a visit to our troops stationed overseas, often in combat zones. A member of Congress goes to the border to see the needs first-hand. A governor travels to a natural disaster zone in his or her state. There is something powerful and valuable about personally spending time on the front lines. Pictures, e-mails, and videos simply are not sufficient.

I have been reminded of this in recent days. My family and a team from our church just returned from an incredible trip to the "front lines" on the mission field in Eastern Europe. We experienced the hand of God in indescribable ways, and are still trying to process everything God did.

I don't want to simply give you a few more reasons for pastors and church members to go on missions trips. However, I do want to impress upon my fellow pastors and ministry partners the value of spending time on the front lines with our missionaries. Our presence there is not about being blessed, or getting fired up for missions. Our presence can bless, encourage, and lift the spirits of our heroes who have been battling on the front lines year after year. It is a blessing to be able to send offerings or letters of encouragement, but it is an entirely different experience to get off a plane, walk where they walk, and be a little like Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' arms on the mountaintop.

As our team served and ministered alongside one of our missionary families, it broke my heart to hear that, aside from their home church, we were the only supporting church to visit them in nearly two decades. Their humble gratitude and appreciation could not be put into words, or given a monetary value. I understand the logistics and financial challenges of visiting so many missionaries in so many places. Yet, may we not keep that from making it a priority.

Pastor, you need to spend time on the front lines. You can visit missionaries (and their kids!), teach a class or conference, help run a camp or VBS, give the missionary a "getaway," or deliver needed materials or equipment. But more than anything else, you can simply love them, listen to them, pray with them, encourage them, and remind them that what they are doing is changing eternity. You can remind them that, "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus." Spending time on the front lines is not just for presidents, generals, governors, and congressmen. May it be a priority for missions-hearted pastors and church members everywhere.

LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?

When I was seventeen years old, at a winter retreat in Taos, New Mexico, I surrendered my life to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in full-time ministry. I had been saved at the age of six, and enjoyed serving the Lord alongside my parents on the mission field. But as I grew in age and in my relationship with the Lord, the Holy Spirit began to burden me to fully surrender all my life to the Lord. I realized that we are saved to serve, and that full surrender is our "reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). Saul of Tarsus exemplified for us the essence of surrender in his response to his encounter with the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus – "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). Saul had an encounter with the King of kings, and the only reasonable response was full surrender. The Saul of Tarsus in our day might have responded somewhat differently by asking, "Lord, what wilt thou allow me to do?", or "Lord, what shall I have Thee to do?" Most generally in our day, when someone is introduced to Jesus, they are more interested in what Jesus can do for them, rather than what they can do for Jesus. A. W. Tozer said, "The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven't yet come to the end of themselves. We're still trying to give orders, and interfering with God's work within us." When our response to the Lord's grace in our lives is "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?", He has free reign to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask for think. When I surrendered at age 17, I had a burden to work with young people. But I never would have imagined I would have the privilege to preach from the pulpit, pastor a church, serve in the church where I surrendered, or be called to be the WBF Mission Director. Yet God continues to graciously and mercifully teach me that full surrender means "Wherever He leads I'll go." Christians are soldiers in the army of the Lord. We're to be willing and ready to serve whenever, wherever, and however He may lead. Countless souls have been saved and thousands of churches have been planted because someone responded to Jesus just as Saul of Tarsus did. I realize there is a great task ahead of us as we approach the soon return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And I am convinced that one of the key factors to succeeding in that great task lies in the heart of the Christian who has yet to respond to the Lord as Saul of Tarsus did, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" That is where it starts, and that is where it must continue. The late missionary Elizabeth Elliot was quoted as saying, "One does not surrender a life in an instant. That which is lifelong can only be surrendered in a lifetime." I have had the privilege of being a surrendered servant of the Lord Jesus Christ for 21 years, and yet I have learned that continued success requires continued surrender. I have found that our Lord always has something wonderful and meaningful for us to do. So may we with great anticipation begin each day by asking, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Who knows? Maybe one morning He will tell us He would have us to go home with Him!



Joey Bacon
Mission Director

News From The Regions Beyond

"...behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35



David and Dottie McClure – Micronesia

Good News: A young man by the name of **Jesse James** has been attending our services since January and he has recently accepted Christ as his Savior. When he told me his name I thought he was joking, but he is now a child of God and baptized and serving the Lord. It seems the Chinese are moving in, they are everywhere. They got a contract from the government lasting 40 years for casino gambling. They have already been

buying up property and hiring people. They have promised to build several hotels, shopping centers and restaurants. Pray that we will be able to reach many of them for the Lord. They have predicted an increase of more than 40,000 souls. We need some HELP! Our grandson has come up from Palau to help in the work and is going strong. He has been working with the youth, visitation, doing some of the preaching and helping with improvements at the church. The Lord has also sent another family to help Joshua (grandson) in the work with the youth. But with that much increase we need a couple of more families to take up the slack. The work is going great and in all directions. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support.



Jerry and Bonnie Bitner – Mexico

The first Sunday in May we celebrated "Children's Day" and it was a time of fun and games as well as a tool for evangelism. We had over 40 in attendance with many of them first time visitors. We ask your prayers for a lady named Cindi. She has been coming faithfully and gives some indications of being a Christian, but not sure yet. Pray that she would see her need for the Savior or assurance of salvation. The political and economical situations are not good. There is an increase in violence as groups attempt to manipulate the election results. Pray for peace and that God's will be done. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for us and for those who faithfully support us as well. We are CO-LABORERS TOGETHER with God and we really do need each other.



Jo Weaver – On the Border (Mexico)

I took a course that my daughter taught "How to Teach Children" and I thought I had taken this course in Bible College many years ago. This course was much different and with LOTS of homework and Work it was. I can always learn more in our modern age. My Junior Church class has grown and more than doubled from six children to twelve to fifteen regulars. We are enjoying more visitors in church and we had a baptism last Sunday, a lady who was a Seventh Day Adventist came to know the lord and followed in the first step of obedience; what a blessing it was. We just completed a SS campaign with our average attendance being in the 70's. I worked in SS and Junior Church those weeks. We taught the Armor of God and made armor for the Juniors with paper bags and cardboard and we all had fun. In May we had a Mother/daughter brunch with 40 in attendance and the ladies decided they would like to meet once a month in the future. Last Sunday we had 74 in attendance with 7 people joining the church. We will be teaching the Wordless Book for our Bible School for all ages. I really appreciate your prayers and financial support for me and the work God allows me to be involved in.



Jerry and Atalias Lantz – Brazil

We have been home, Brazil, a few months now and it seems good to be back on the field. Furloughs are nice but we are glad it is only once in four years. We were in 91 churches and covered 52K miles. We were blessed and saw some 15 souls saved in our time there. Atalias passed her interview for American citizenship while we were back too, another goal we accomplished while we were there. Our immediate goal is to finish preparing the work in Vargem Grande for their organization and calling of their Brazilian pastor, then this church will be totally autonomous. Please pray for us as we seek God's will to

start another church here in Brazil. Thank you for your faithfulness to support us financially and prayerfully through the years. We appreciate you more than mere words can express.



Stephen and Charlotte Byrd – Ecuador

During the month of March youth from our two churches joined together to conduct a youth conference at the Albonor Church and DVBS at both churches. Many youth from the Albonor area came, heard the Word of God, and many are continuing to come to the services along with the adults as well. The Lord blessed with over 100 attending and 7 children were saved during the

DVBS. The Huancavilea Church did well with 139 in attendance. We began a new S/S class for them and we added a van to help with the transportation needs. Charlotte went to the doctor and had a spot on her back removed and the pathologist report came back and it was not cancerous, Praise the Lord! Both Jonathan and Matthew are working and doing fine. God is so good to us, we thank you for all you do for us to help in the ministry both in prayers and support.



Mark and Dana McCutchen – Brazil

We were leaving our bible study and heading home and 3 drug traffickers approached us accusing us of being the police. One of the men reached inside our car and turned it off and took the keys. They demanded we hand over our cell phones and all our documents. After debating among themselves they threw our keys, phones and documents at me and grabbed my Cross pen.

Since then, four more of our families have been assaulted. I think our problem is that Dana looks like the Police Chief and our car is the same make and model used by the undercover police. We have had to stop our bible studies and marriage counseling in the neighborhood; just too dangerous. Praise the Lord our church has moved to a new, more secure, location. We continue our work among the youth and Bible clubs for the neighborhood children. On our first youth night 3 teenage youth asked Jesus into their hearts. The other works are having souls saved, and five precious adults are to be baptized in August. Our Tuesday night English class is diversified with doctors, dentists, seminary students and other professional occupations studying with us. We have 36 students registered. It is a thrill to see them learning English but more importantly learning God's Word. Please continue to pray for both Dana and my health problems. Thank you for your continued prayers and for the construction in both works!



Meisha Deane – Ukraine

There was the adventure of the "Last Bell". This is a great celebration for all. The students, all dressed in their best, come to celebrate the recognition of the graduates and other children as they move on to the next stop and/or graduate. My favorite part is at the end when the tallest boy from the 9th grade puts the smallest girl from the 1st grade on his shoulders and walks around in a circle. The little girl rings a large hand bell signaling that school is over. It is a very emotional day for many. Marina, our first girl in our transition home graduated high school. In two short years she went from a 7th grade level education to an 11th grade. This speaks volumes for the dedication of our house parents, Kolya and Halya. They have worked diligently with her

and her sister daily. Now, after all the hard work, she is ready to move on to the next step. She will be staying in the home through this year as she learns to become more independent and confident in her future life. I have known many of the graduates this year since my first trip to the orphanage in 2007. Yana and Alyona were only six when I first met them. Now, eight years later, they will be leaving the place and the people they have known for most of their lives. They were quite emotional all day. It was heartbreaking for me to see them so upset and to know they neither one will come to our transition home. I pray they will go on to finish school in the fall at another orphanage or school. I plan to keep in touch with them. Please pray for the kids from the orphanage in Komarivka as we head for camp. Many of our team of volunteers as we head for camp. I will update you in my next prayer letter. My goal is to see as many of these kids reached with the Gospel. May He continue to bless each of you as we faithfully serve Him. Thank you for privilege to be your representative in Ukraine.



Matt and Flor Patton - Dominican Republic

Our furlough is going very well. These spring months have been very busy reporting to our partnering churches as well as presenting in several new churches. It has been a great encouragement for us to see your interest in the Lord's ministry in La Romana. The First Baptist Church of Vista Catalina is doing fine in our absence. Attendance has been up and three souls have come to know our Savior in recent weeks. We have visited churches in CO, TX, OH and PA. Our calendar is completely full and we are working to finish up at the end of the year. There are still some open spots for the fall. If you would like us to stop by please feel free to contact us at 214 529-0204. We have begun planning for the mission trip season of 2016. If anyone is interested in coming to La Romana next year we still have one slot open.

For more missionary news visit www.wbfi.net

No one can deny that culture is always changing, and for that reason as Fundamental Baptist we must ask, "How much change is appropriate?" In changing we must always ask how much we can change without sacrificing Biblical principles. Change must be governed by Biblical standards. We must never forget that God is in the business of conforming us "...to the image of his Son..." (Romans 8:29). And the fundamental change that He expects is that we "...are changed into the same image [the image of Christ] from glory to glory..." (II Corinthians 3:18).

Unquestionably, cultures change from generation to generation, but the criteria the early church and our Fundamental Baptist forefathers used to determine change in the church should remain the same. It must not change. Any change is unacceptable if it means surrender to moral or spiritual declension, and all change must be governed by timeless truths, serve divine intent, and complement divine attributes, predominantly God's holiness.

As Fundamental Baptists our refusal to participate in ecumenical dialogue for the resolution of cultural problems has often been interpreted as our being unconcerned and dispassionate regarding those who are victims of the moral and ethical inequities that exist in our world. But we as Fundamental Baptists believe that the number one priority of the church based on Matthew 28:18-20 is not to reform culture but to confront its peoples with the claims of Jesus Christ, and to compassionately offer the gospel of grace that has the power not only to reform but to regenerate.

In our fight against all forms of destructive humanism in the 21st century culture, from Modernism to Postmodernism, we must not forget that a gospel of human rehabilitation is not the answer to social reform. The world's problem is sin, and the only effective answer to the sin problem is forgiveness through the penal vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ, the God-man. Unlike many churches who attempt to use the world's methods to win the world, as Fundamental Baptists we must recognize and never forget that only the unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ "...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." (Romans 1:16), and can transform lives and consequently impact any culture for good. A major problem of the church in America is that it has tolerated the culture to modify its faith instead of using a Biblical faith to alter lives for God.

God help us as Fundamental Baptists and the World Baptist Fellowship not to let the world dictate the direction and strategies of Fundamentalism. The WBF was born in the testing circumstances of conflict and for years has been maintained by the thoughtful and careful exposition of the Word of God from our pulpits, fellowship meetings, and classroom podiums. To be obedient in combating the enemies of righteousness, and to be consistent with our historical heritage, we must not use carnal weapons of a culture gone bad, but the weapons supplied by the blessed Holy Spirit. God has promised to bless His Word. As Fundamental Baptists we must continue to use the Sword of the Spirit knowledgeably, uncompromisingly, and passionately. The only offensive weapon we have is the Word. The WBF was founded upon the doctrine of the Word, and it is the doctrine of the Word by which we have been and should be identified. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58).

**PRAY FOR THE SPECIAL MISSION
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WBF Bible Ministry Is Alive & Well



Gary and Monnie Bacon – Mexico Bro. Gary Bacon contacted Bro. Dave Schembera requesting Bibles to hand out in their Daily Vacation Bible School in Valle Hermoso, Mexico. Bro. Schembera gave Bro. Bacon enough funds from the WBF Bible Ministry to purchase a Spanish Bible for 85 students. On the last day of Bible School the Bacons gave a backpack to each student with school supplies and a copy of their very own Bible. The kids were thrilled to receive those Bibles! "One ten-year-old boy said that he could not believe he had his very own Bible. Another young man, age 13, said that he would bring his new Bible to church and that he would read it at home. We had many children in VBS who come from homes where the parents are un-churched. Placing a Bible in those homes is very important, and we believe that it will help lead some people to the Lord. Thank you so much for your part in the ministry of providing God's Word to so many people. The photo shows the kids with their backpacks, and a few of them are also holding their Bible up too. They are very proud of their new Bibles! Please give our warmest thanks to everyone who had a part in providing the Bibles to our kids in Valle Hermoso."



Barbara Wimm – Mayo Indian Institute and Churches

A few months ago I received a request for some Bibles for the Mayo Institute work in Mexico. I sent Mrs. Barbara Wimm 20 Bibles and she sent them to the Institute. The Institute Administrator, Rosalinda, presented a Bible to one of the students during Barbara's recent visit to a Bible Conference in Mexico. These Bibles will be a tremendous blessing to many that have no Bible. Thanks to all who have a part in providing Bibles. They had a very successful VBS this year. God really blessed. There were 98 boys and girls who attended, which was a record for this church. The best news is that 12 kids accepted Christ as Savior. There is nothing better than leading kids to Jesus!

NEW EXCITING PROGRAM STARTING AT ABC!

This Fall 2015 semester, ABC will launch a **NEW PROGRAM...**Bible and Business Studies.

The Bible and Business Studies program represents an area of interest for many prospective students. These students have a great desire to attend Arlington Baptist College because of the Biblically-based curriculum but feel that God has lead them to minister in the business world. ABC recognizes the potential that lies in producing men and women who can carry the Gospel message into the business world and influence individuals, if not whole companies, for the cause of Christ.

The Bible and Business Studies degree will be similar to most of the College's other Bachelor of Science degrees in the following areas: Bible and Theology, General Education, Church Ministry, and Professional Development. Graduates of this program will not only be prepared for a Master's degree in business, but will gain the tools for obtaining an occupation in the field of business or advancing in a current occupation.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested in pursuing a Business degree at Arlington Baptist College, please call **Kim Marvin at 817-461.8741, ext. 106**

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Mutualities

By Woody Cash

Perhaps you've done it or at least seen it happen, a pebble dropped into a pool produced a series of concentric circles; each an expansion of the one before it; and all related to the original source—the pebble. A similar observation can be seen in the relationship(s) of institutions. In establishing the institutions of the family, the church, and governments, God ordained a series of mutualities for each. Initially set in motion by the sovereign act of God, those mutualities function within their own identity while often interacting with the realms of one another. While distinct, they share in the ultimate source of their creation.

Consider the family. The pebble dropped by the good Lord generates the matrimony of a loving man and wife. That ripple usually results in the next circle – that of God given offspring. As the expansion continues we would soon see the circles of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and on and on. The expanded family would also include a host of in-laws, cousins, etc. The ties that bind them all are the mutualities they share including not only love but dreams, desires, and sacrificial efforts for one another. The loving care that is expressed individually and collectively is reciprocated to each and all.

The family of God is similar in its mutualities. As viewed in the local Church, there is witnessed a communal relationship that honors Christ its founder. Within a given local body there exists many harmonies of service and responsibility. Both the pulpit and the pew are united in the desire that their church would succeed in all that God intends for them to be and to do. In responding to their mandate to occupy until Christ returns, the local church embraces not only the spiritual growth of its membership, but also its outreach to its community and to the world at large. In so doing, they create an ever expanding presence as well as manifold expressions of their mutualities.

As to the institution of Governments it is noted that they are put in place in the divine economy for the peace, safety, and well-ordered life of their constituents. In many venues on the local level, county level, and concentrically the state level; we have a responsibility to both pray for them and participate in them. Evil triumphs when good men sit idly by. Nationwide government is an arena especially in need of the "salt of the earth" involvement. Our God is King over all. He sets kings up and puts kings down. Yet, he uses us as His instrumentalities. We should strive to assure that every mutuality of government is that which is generated to glorify God.

Beyond the three—Family, Church, Governments – there can and do exist other institutions which also arise from the pond we know as life on earth. God, who is the prime mover, is also the instigator of their mutualities. Three of special interest and involvement to most of us are the World Baptist Fellowship, the WBF Mission Agency, and the Arlington Baptist College. The WBF meets officially twice a year – Spring and Fall. However, many other assemblies occur on a regional basis. Each would have and pursue their respective mutualities reflective of their goals and concerns.

Relative to the Mission Agency, there is a major mutuality – our missionaries. Locally we as individual churches and congregants may not directly support all of them financially, but we should and must be involved in praying for them – all of them. That would be a mutuality that appropriately unites us all. Beyond our own concentric circles, the success of our missionaries affords a mutuality to which we all can aspire. Reciprocally, they give back to us the fulfillment of the greatest commission.

Arlington Baptist College, in a unique way, provides a platform upon which there can be a singular destination for mutuality. The College is one entity with one location. Its campus, students, faculty, and staff represent the World Baptist Fellowship collectively. God has ordained and blessed us as progenitors of the future of the WBF. Doctrinally and historically the college has served as the focal point of the preparation for those whom God has called to propagate the fundamentals of the faith, and who subsequently serve in the churches of the WBF and/or the mission fields of the WBF Mission Agency. The graduates of ABC go forth valiantly contending for the faith. The College thus offers an opportunity toward which mutualities can have their most unified demonstration to the glory of God. Mutuality is the condition of being mutual which entails relations, sentiments, and actions. May the Lord bless us all as our mutualities with one mind and one mouth glorify God while demonstrating that we are, in the same mind and judgment, perfectly joined together.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE IS DOING!

"WE ARE LIGHT"

"We are Light" is the theme of the 2015 WBF Fall Meeting that will be held October 12-14, 2015 at the West Orlando Baptist Church, 1006 East Crown Point Road, Ocoee, Florida 34761. The meeting will begin with Registration on Monday evening at 6:15 P. M. with the services beginning at 7:00 P. M.

In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus said in **Matthew 5:14-16**, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:15, "...among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

There is no doubt that in these two contexts the emphasis both by the Lord Jesus and the great Apostle is on the fact that we are to be a testimony for the Lord here in this world. Light dispels darkness and in the context in Philippians 2, Paul speaks of a sin-darkened and perverse world. That is certainly true of our world today.

The WBF Fall Meeting has been prayed for and planned by Pastor Kenric Barnett, the church staff and the church family of West Orlando Baptist Church. It is their desire that each one who attends the meeting will be challenged anew and afresh to go back to their part of the world with a renewed desire to be a shining testimony for the Lord.

Each speaker and each musical presentation will be used of the Lord to speak to our hearts. Let us attend the meeting with expectant hearts and minds, asking the Lord to do a work in our lives and through our lives to others.

Each year at the Fall Meeting there are two special events that are of great importance to the WBF Mission Agency and Mission Family. The Special Mission Offering is received at the Fall Meeting and the purpose of this offering is to help the General Fund of the mission in meeting the expenses of operation for the year. Without this special offering and the regular monthly support for the General Fund we could not carry on our ministry of service to the missionaries and their supporting churches. Our goal for the year's offering is \$60,000 and this amount is definitely needed to help us meet our budget for the year.

The second special event at the Fall Meeting each year is the Missionary Gift Card Shower. Churches and individuals around the country send in gift cards and our missionaries are able to receive these cards to help them purchase needed items for their field ministry. Some churches have a "gift card shower" and others collect offerings during the year to purchase gift cards for the missionaries. These cards may be mailed to the church or the Mission Office at P. O. Box 13459, Arlington, TX 76094. Better yet, bring your gift cards with you to the meeting! This will be a tremendous blessing to the missionary families present at the meeting.

Make your plans now to attend the 2015 World Baptist Fellowship Fall Meeting, October 12-14, 2015 at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee, FL. There is a list of recommended hotels on the last page of this issue of the Fundamentalist.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Fall Meeting and welcoming our new WBF Mission Director and his wife, Bro. Joey and Miss Julie Bacon.



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**West Orlando Baptist Church
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Monday October 12th

6:15 PM Registration

7:00 PM Service

Speaker -- Dr. Moody

Tuesday October 13th

9:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Service Begins

9:45 AM WE ARE LIGHT – Missionary - Alan Hart

10:15 AM Music

10:30 AM WE ARE LIGHT – Missionary - Bill Rose

11:00 AM Music

WBF Mission Office Offering

11:15 AM WE ARE LIGHT – Mike Gray

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting

ABC Board Meeting

Ladies Meeting

7:00 PM Service Begins

Missionary Presentation/Introduction

Speaker -- Joey Bacon

Wednesday October 14th

9:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Service Begins

9:45 AM WE ARE LIGHT – Christians Matt Patton

10:15 AM Music

10:30 AM WE ARE LIGHT – Church - Jimmy McNeil

11:00 AM Music

11:15 AM WE ARE LIGHT -- Nation Congressman Daniel Webster

12:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Mission Store

7:00 PM Service Begins

Speaker -- Clark Boshier

The church will provide a Finger Food Fellowship during the Registration on Monday evening at 6:15 and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Tuesday and Wednesday of the meeting.

HOTELS FOR FALL MEETING

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Mission Director Joey Bacon, Assistant Mission Director David Schembera and Mission Representative Tommy Raley are available for Mission Conferences, Special Mission Emphasis Days or Pulpit Supply. You may contact them through the WBF Mission Office at 817-274-7161.