

A WORD FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

MISSION NEWS

*John Peeples,
IBFI Mission Director*

When I first met Larry McKinney in the mid 1980's, he had a number of memorable qualities that I noted. Not only was he a preacher of the Gospel and a missionary to the Native Americans, but I remember that he was an encourager that cared about me and my ministry. He was a soul winner that had a compassion for the lost and was faithful to reach them. And God was blessing his ministry. These things have not changed! After all these years Larry and Regina have kept on, faithful to their Lord Jesus Christ, and God continues to bless their ministry and to use them. Please keep them in your prayers. They are worthy of your prayers and financial support.

SMOKE SIGNALS....FROM THE MCKINNEYS

Dear Faithful Friends,

This may be hard to believe, but we are having a good time on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. It has truly been a wonderful month in March and also in April. We had some good meetings that just seem to get better, and it takes us into the next meeting in a way that keeps everything moving forward.

March....was a good month for those on school break and wanting to do work in the Reservation community. The first week was a college group from Boston of about eighteen students; who contributed by helping do clean-up, doing a lot of work for people and for social services, and witnessing along the way.

They were followed by middle school students of about fifty-two from Oregon City. They helped tremendously with our building needs, painting, landscaping, and moving old things to the dump. They did a great job and knew how to work! Also, they helped with our music on the Lord's Day. One of the teens got saved...Praise the Lord!

The next group was our Native American Baptist Fellowship. Our church really got a blessing from them. We had good attendance with a full house and saw two salvations, twelve rededications, and three families joined the church! The NABF preachers always come through with a good spirit and great preaching to help the local church.

April...started out with an early morning sunrise service on the mountain. There were about thirty in attendance. They came to sing and give testimony of how the Resurrection of our Lord has been the difference maker for them. Next, we followed with breakfast prepared by the men of the church, and then a great message on the resurrection. The Lord moved on some hearts to make decisions with eternity in mind.

The next week, we had a man about forty give his testimony. He surprised us by telling us that the Lord was leading him into ministry. He is not sure of the what and where yet. Please pray for Rusty.

Then, there's revival... the moving of the Lord on the people of God! The Lord used our Evangelist Gary Locklear, and he really made Jesus our Blessed Redeemer. The people responded with their hearts and not just with their mouths....Amen!

Gary and I made a trip to the Nooksack Reservation (NW Washington) a week before the Revival and held a two night meeting. The first night we had twenty-six. The next night, we had thirty-nine. We were praying to get something going there, and now, we are seeing that take place. I have an older man and his wife from the Tacoma Indian Baptist Church who will carry that work until we can get someone there...pray for Bill and Lena. So keep praying for the results that the Lord can bring, as we are faithful to His Work!

June...we have had good altar response and some saved, but the visitors coming is a good indication people are hungry for the Truth of God's Word. Regina and I helped with summer camp. We had a good time!

July...we are planning a three day VBS for K-5th graders. Also, a VBS for middle schoolers is coming in August.

Prayer Needs: The bus ministry, summer activities, VBS and children's salvation, Good News Club in the public school, a couple coming up from Texas, and my wife who is retiring from social work employment.

Larry & Regina McKinney



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SPEAKERS FOR 2018 FALL FELLOWSHIP:

Tues.	9:00 A.M.	Troy Todd	Retired Pastor	Howey-in-Hills, FL
	10:00 A.M.	David Pugh	Faith Baptist Church	Kaufman, TX
	11:00 A.M.	Lowell Spencer	Retired Pastor	Eaton, OH
	2:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors Meeting/Ladies' Meeting</i>		
	7:00 P.M.	Jarrold Tunnell Randy Cotton	Missionary to Argentina Retired Pastor	Weatherford, TX Big Springs, TX
Wed.	9:00 A.M.	James Pointer	Retired Pastor	Sioux City, IA
	10:00 A.M.	The President's Hour	Willie Weaver Pastoral Evangelist	Fort Worth, TX
	11:00 A.M.	<i>General Assembly/School Update/Special Offering/Business Session</i>		
	7:00 P.M.	Daniel Coates Raymond Barber , Pastor Emeritus	Missionary to Guatemala Worth Baptist Church	Grand Prairie, TX Fort Worth, TX
Thurs.	9:00 A.M.	Robert Kurtz	Mansfield Baptist Temple	Mansfield, OH
	10:00 A.M.	Billy Kyle	Retired Pastor	Marion, OH
	11:00 A.M.	Jerry Siler	Cornerstone Baptist Church	Dayton, OH

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J. FRANK NORRIS-A MAN AMONG MEN



*Dr. Raymond W. Barber,
IBFI President Emeritus*

A MEMORIAL TO DR. J. FRANK NORRIS

(Continued from last issue)

BORN: 1877
PLACE OF BIRTH: DADEVILLE, ALABAMA
PARENTS: WARREN AND MARY NORRIS
COLLEGE: BAYLOR UNIVERSITY (1899-1903)
MARRIED: LILLIAN GADDY (1902)
CHILDREN: J. FRANK, JR., JIM GADDY, LILLIAN, GEORGE
GRADUATED: SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY (1905)
TITLES: CRUSADER, EDITOR, PASTOR, PREACHER, STATESMAN,
JOURNALIST, EDUCATOR, TRAVELER

The internationally known, colorful, controversial J. Frank Norris, a man who made things happen, changed the complexion of religious life in America.

During his pastorate of First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas (1909-1952), the membership grew from nine hundred to over twelve thousand as early as 1932, with an average Sunday school attendance of 5,200.

GOD'S BLESSING IN REVIEW

Few men carved a place in the religious world as did J. Frank Norris. The following will give the reader an idea of God's hand upon his life.

- Two years (1908-1909) editor of the *Baptist Standard*, the official voice of Texas Baptists.
- Assisted B. H. Carroll in the founding of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Founder of the World Baptist Fellowship, an international organization of independent Baptists.
- Pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Worth (1909-1952).
- Editor of *The Fence Rail* (1917-1921).
- Editor of *The Searchlight* (1921-1927).
- Editor of *The Fundamentalist* (1927-1952).
- Described by the New York newspaper, *The World Week*, as "the strongest, shrewdest, most romantically adventuresome prince of crowd gatherers..."
- Conducted revival in First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, where over six hundred people were saved. The meeting was described by the pastor, I. E. Yates, as "a meeting that produced more results than any I've ever seen."
- Conducted a revival in First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, in which a thousand souls were saved.
- Described by Pastor George Ragland of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, as "one of the greatest preachers in America."
- Assisted T. T. Shields and W. B. Riley in the formation of the Baptist Bible Union in 1923.



Norris addressing Texas Legislature – 1941.

- Circled the globe in worldwide ministry.
- Heard by forty thousand people in open-air revival in Detroit, Michigan.
- Spoke to legislators in Texas, Georgia, and other states.
- Conducted one hundred twenty tent meetings in the city of Fort Worth.
- Described by the Evening News, London, England, as "a man who has international events at his fingertips."
- Spoke to large crowds in Berlin, Germany, in 1937.
- Heard Dictator Adolph Hitler in 1939 and returned to America to warn the nation of the threat of Nazism.
- Advised Presidents Roosevelt and Truman of the importance of recognizing Israel as a sovereign state. The United Nations declared Israel a state in 1948.
- Preached to twenty-five thousand people in a baseball park in Fort Worth in 1942.
- Conferred with Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain, in 1946.

CONCLUDING WORD

The Baptist world, groups of every stripe, are indebted to the man whose favorite verse of Scripture, inscribed on the monument at his gravesite, was Philippians 1:21: *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

One of Dr. Norris' famous sayings was: "I would do anything to keep a man out of Hell."

His son, Dr. George Norris, said, "Whatever was said about my dad, he had a passion for lost souls."

I am grateful for personal memories of Dr. Norris, going back to my childhood, when my dad, Dr. R. J. Barber, Sr., engaged him a number of times to preach Bible conferences in The Baptist Tabernacle, Danville, Virginia. Would to God we could revisit those days!

(To be continued in the next issue)

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



*Dr. Willie Weaver,
IBFI President*

THE NEEDS

As President of the Independent Baptist Fellowship International (IBFI) I feel I **have the responsibility to make the NEEDS of the fellowship known to you** the Pastors, full time servants and friends of the IBFI. The needs are too particular to put in this article but I will be SENDING YOU LETTERS informing you of those needs and the PROGRESS that is being made to meet those needs. I know we are all busy, but I hope you will take time to READ THE LETTERS Dr. Stewart and I send out.

THE PURPOSES OF THE IBFI

I would encourage you to be as SUPPORTIVE of our fellowship and its ministries as you can. I know we all have LIMITATIONS, but if we can make it a PRIORITY and CONSISTENTLY do what we can, it will be amazing to see what we can do together for SOULS. NEHEMIAH had a cause and he rallied the forces to work together and they ACCOMPLISHED the vision. We have the causes of encouraging CHURCH PLANTING, TRAINING PREACHERS and FULL TIME SERVANTS and ASSISTING and SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES. These are causes worthy of our PRAYERS and SUPPORT.

THE NORRIS BIBLE BAPTIST SEMINARY

The OPENING DAY RALLY of the Norris Seminary was very well attended and very exciting. Pastor's, evangelists, missionaries, laymen and of course students were in attendance. Dr. Stewart is planning a great year as we kick off the 35TH SCHOOL YEAR. The student body, including new students AND returning students, is filled with enthusiasm as they look forward to studying God's word. Continue to pray for the Seminary and contact Dr. Stewart about any students that might be interested and would like to have more information.

THE NATIONAL FALL MEETING

Also, Let me encourage you to make your PLANS to attend the IBFI FALL MEETING that will take place at CORNERSTONE BAPTIST TEMPLE, Dayton, Ohio, DR. JERRY SILER, Pastor. The dates are OCTOBER 9-11, 2018. Our theme this year is "IBFI-ON A MISSION" (Mt.28:18-20). Our OFFERING GOAL is \$35,000 in view of our 35th year. The October and May fellowship offerings are vital to meet the financial demands of the IBFI. Its so important that we have a STRONG REPRESENTATION at the fall meeting. Dr. Siler and his staff and members are excited about the meeting and always have an INSPIRING PROGRAM planned. It will be an ENCOURAGING time to all of us. I hope you will give it a priority on your PLANNING CALENDAR. Try to plan the rest of your Calendar around this IMPORTANT MEETING. The fellowship meeting won't be the same without YOU!

THANK YOU for being a friend, prayer warrior and supporter of the IBFI and its Ministries. You are appreciated!

ON A MISSION TO INFORM, INSTRUCT, and INSPIRE



*Jonathan J. Stewart,
NBBS President*

Opening Day Rally, Tuesday, August 14, found us with a full house! It was standing room only until we brought in office chairs to accommodate everyone!

The fellowship between preachers, the student body and their families, and friends of the school is always mutually encouraging. The pastors are glad to see each other and excited to see the growing student body. The student body gets to see a good representation of the ones who make it possible for NBBS to exist.

AIRPLANES CIRCLING THE FIELD

The two or three weeks before school starts, and the week that follows is somewhat like watching planes come and go at a city airport. Most come in and land. Some circle the airport for while before landing. Some circle for awhile, fly off, come back a time or two and either land, or "radio" they will return to land in the future. As of this writing, we are somewhere around 60 students for the new semester. We do not know for sure because some prospective students, due to job situations, personal matters, or indecisiveness, are still "circling the field."

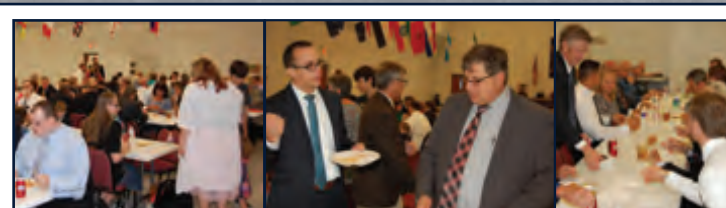
OUR SINGULAR FOCUS

A very large percentage of our student body are preachers in training, their wives, or young ladies who desire to be in full time ministry. Many Bible colleges have several hundred students, but due to their broad focus of training men and women for various areas of Christian ministry, they may not have that many more men actually training to be preachers than we do because of our singular focus to do so.

The handful of church members we do have that take a course or two, because they are wanting to know their Bible better, or to be more effective in their church ministry, add to the school environment. It is an inspiration to them to see church members that are desirous to learn. Its great for them too, as they see the dedication and spirit of the students training for the ministry.

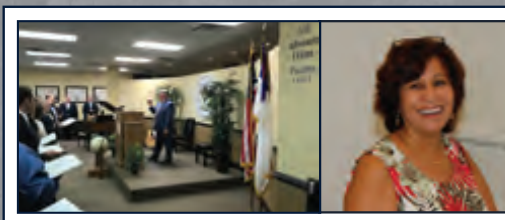


Dr. Charles Wetherbee led the singing, Dr. Willie Weaver, as IBFI President gave a quick charge, NBBS President Jonathan Stewart directed the service, and Dr. Raymond Barber, our Chancellor, preached the challenge to the students, faculty and supporting preachers, and friends who were in attendance.



A luncheon followed afterwards, Zack Doty, a student is conversing with faculty member and pastor, Frank Hefner of Jacksboro, Texas. Students, alumni, preachers and their wives, and friends of NBBS are seated together enjoying the fellowship and the food.

*"Ye also helping
together by
prayer for us"
II Corinthians
1:11a*



OUR NEW THEME FOR THE YEAR

Our new theme for the year is "On a Mission." We cite the words of Paul to Timothy in II Timothy 2:2, as our school's theme verse, "the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." In one sentence that is our mission.

The verse in II Timothy 2, takes in the teaching of Christ to the apostles, the apostles to the Timothy's, the Timothy's to faithful men, the faithful men to the others also. We are the others also in this chain of the stewardship of truth.

GRADUATES GOING OUT INTO THE FIELDS OF SERVICE

Our graduates are fulfilling our objective. They are largely on, or are about to be on, deputation for the mission field, or they are taking pastorates, preparing to plant a church, taking staff positions as assistant pastors or youth directors, or interning in churches.

FACULTY AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

NBBS faculty gets involved in various ways besides the classroom. For instance. Dr. Charles Wetherbee leads the music in chapel every Friday, and gives instruction on the importance and impact spiritual music has on ministry. Then he blesses those in attendance with a song sung from the heart as only he can.

Candy Frizzell the IBFI/NBBS secretary is a joyful and essential part to the ongoing of the ministries of the fellowship. Her husband Danny serves as our Business Manager and helps out in numerous other ways.

LOOKING FORWARD...



*Terry Riggsby,
NBBS Field Representative*

I am looking forward to the IBFI Fall meeting scheduled for Tuesday-Thursday, October 9-11, 2018, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church (formerly the Dayton Baptist Temple), Dayton, Ohio. It was there in 1965 I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior as I heard a gospel message from Pastor Gerald I. Fleming. Ten years later I surrendered to full-time service, and was used of the Lord to help start Temple Christian School which is still operating!!

At this writing, I will be conducting a Sunday School Seminar at Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, Texas, in late August and speaking at Rendon Baptist Church in Rendon, Texas, in early September for a church anniversary.

As a reminder, I am available to come and present information on the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. I can be reached at 817-648-1859.

Dear IBFI Preachers, Staff, Alumni and Friends,

I know that is a long "address", but I want all of you to know that EVERYONE is welcome to come to the Fall Fellowship Meeting held here at Cornerstone Baptist Temple in Dayton, Ohio!

Dr. Weaver has lined up some Great preachers to bless us during the meeting. We are planning for Great meals, Great fellowship, Great singing and an all-around GREAT time!

IBFI is on a GREAT mission...

it will be GREAT to have you come and participate!



Pastor Jerry Siler

HOTEL INFORMATION

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
2540 University Blvd.
Fairborn, Ohio 45324
937-490-2000

They are offering the IBFI members rooms for \$75.00 per night, regularly \$119.00 per night. We have 20 rooms secured for check in on Monday and check out on Thursday, with the option of Thursday night. This is a great rate for the area, and it is close to a mall and several restaurants.

Full details will be at the IBFI website www.ibfi.us

ONE MORE YEAR...



*Glen Anderson,
Alumni President*

God has given me the privilege of serving one more year as the president of the NBBS Alumni. He has also allowed me to serve as chairman of the board of directors at the Pot O' Gold Youth Camp in Comfort, Texas for the past five years. This year I experienced my first year as the director of a camp week.

Our speaker for the week was Bro. Rob Watkins, who is not only a great Bible preacher, but also a professional ventriloquist, and illusionist. I believe he may be the best camp speaker I have ever heard. He did an outstanding job preaching the Bible and captivating the attention of everyone. We saw 19 souls trust Christ as Savior, 2 surrender to preach, and numerous other decisions were also made.

Throughout the past five years there have been many improvements made to the Pot O' Gold camp facilities. Lord willing by next camp season most of the dorms will be air-conditioned and new seating will be installed in the chapel.

Many IBFI churches down through the years have participated in the Pot O' Gold youth camp. There are a couple of camp weeks open if any church would be interested in hosting a week please contact Bro. Mark Bonam (830) 741-0516. Anyone interested in attending the week I direct please contact me (850) 525-6377, and I will be glad to help in any way I can. It is exciting to watch as God moves and works in this great camp ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IBF METROPLEX MEETINGS

September 20 - Thursday - Countryside Baptist Church
Mansfield, Texas – Host Pastor Claude Sutton

November 15 - Thursday – First Baptist Church of Cottondale
Paradise, Texas – Host Pastor Charles Pugh

December 20 - Thursday – Worth Baptist Church
Fort Worth, Texas – Host Pastor Tyler Gillit

IBF OF TEXAS AND THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

Monday and Tuesday, September 10 - September 11, 2018
Beacon Baptist Church
Haltom City, Texas – Host Pastor Chad Fitts
Contact Bro. Fitts for more information, 940-368-8900
or Bro. David Grice, 214-315-5422
A great lineup of preachers, food and fellowship

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND IBFI FALL FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Tuesday - Thursday, October 9 - 11, 2018
Cornerstone Baptist Temple
Dayton, Ohio – Host Dr. Jerry Siler