



John Peoples,
IBFI Mission Director

THE COKER FAMILY

LABORING IN HIS HARVEST
IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE,
GUANAJUATO, MEXICO

Greetings to all,

We thank the Lord once again for His blessings for these past months. Here in Mexico, many people had two weeks' vacation during a time called "Semana Santa" (Holy Week). It is an important religious observance (Catholic religion) which was a tradition of the Spaniards. During this time, we joined with other sister churches for a three day youth camp including games, food, biblical preaching, and teaching. My wife and I went with three young people accompanying us. We are grateful for decisions made for the Lord during the youth camp.

April 30th is "Children's Day," so we had a special program with the kids of our congregation. We presented a missionary cartoon video, along with a song, games, pizza, and a small bag of candy for each child. The following Thursday, we had another special program to celebrate "Children's Day" in a small community outside of town called El Rancho Viejo. My wife presented a salvation story to some thirty-eight children and several adults that were present. We had a great time interacting with them and seeing the smiles on their faces.



Here in Mexico - no matter the day it falls on - May 10, is Mother's Day. On May 8, during our Wednesday night service, we had a special service for our mothers, along with several visitors attending. A devotional was given and a presentation of pictures of the mothers with their children.

This May, we celebrated our six-year anniversary as a congregation. We had a great service with a message to challenge our hearts with some tamales to eat afterwards! We continue on course by God's grace to be a New Testament church with Bible doctrine and holy living for God's glory.



Thank you all for your prayers and financial support for this church planting work in Central Mexico.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for Pastor Juan Pablo Rodriguez and the congregation in Nigromonte.
2. Pray for our follow-up visits with visitors that have come our way.
3. Pray for the spiritual growth of the congregation of Mision Bautista Monte Sinai (Mount Sinai Baptist Mission).
4. Pray for the children and a few adults in El Rancho Viejo (the old Ranch) for their salvation and spiritual growth.
5. Pray for our physical and spiritual strength.



Your missionaries,
Darrain, Mari, and Damaris

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2019 FALL
FELLOWSHIP

October
8-10



Pensacola
Baptist Temple
Pensacola, FL

Glen Anderson
Pastor

SPEAKERS FOR 2019 FALL FELLOWSHIP:

Tues. 9:00 A.M.	Robert Barrow	Faith Baptist Church	Century, FL
10:00 A.M.	Delmas Knight	BEAMS Bible Ministry	Gulfport, MS
11:00 A.M.	Phillip Blackwell	Bible Baptist Church	Tuscaloosa, AL
2:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors Meeting/Ladies' Meeting</i>		
7:00 P.M.	Dr. Dale Adkins	Director of Student Care Pensacola Baptist College	Pensacola, FL
	Dr. Charles Wetherbee	Victory Baptist Church	Weatherford, TX
Wed. 9:00 A.M.	Michael Wiggins Associate Pastor	Heritage Baptist Church	Haslet, TX
10:00 A.M.	The President's Hour	Dr. Willie Weaver Pastoral Evangelist	Worth Baptist Church Fort Worth, TX
11:00 A.M.	<i>General Assembly/School Update/Special Offering/Business Session</i>		
7:00 P.M.	True Hawkins Raymond Barber Pastor Emeritus	Missionary to Brazil Worth Baptist Church	Arlington, TX Fort Worth, TX
Thurs. 9:00 A.M.	Dr. Arthur Lockard	BEAMS Bible Ministry	Gulfport, MS
10:00 A.M.	Dr. Barry Bedwell	Faith Baptist Church	Canton, MI
11:00 A.M.	Glen Anderson	Pensacola Baptist Temple	Pensacola, FL

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TWELVE KEYS that open the PROPHECY OF ISAIAH

Dr. Raymond W. Barber, IBFI President Emeritus

To better understand the message of the book of Isaiah, we need to know something about the author: the setting in which it is written, along with an appraisal of the author and the book.

Prophecy makes up approximately three-fourths of the sixty-six books of the Bible. The Prophetic Books are classified as the Major Prophets: **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Lamentations**, and the Minor Prophets: **Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi**.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE MAN AND THE BOOK

- Isaiah was born in 760 BC (halfway between Moses and Christ). To put this in perspective, the city of Rome was founded by Romulus in 754 BC, which means that Isaiah would have been six years old at that time.
- Isaiah's name means "Salvation of Jehovah," and the keyword of the book is "Salvation."
- He was called to the ministry in 740 BC "...in the year that Uzziah died" 6:1, and he was probably related to King Uzziah.
- He ministered from 740 BC to 700 BC.
- What Beethoven is to *music* and Shakespeare is to *literature*, Isaiah is to *prophecy*.
- Isaiah has a three-fold rating: *Prophet, Preacher, and Statesman*.
- He has no equal among the prophets, standing head and shoulders above them.
- He is considered the greatest man of eighth century BC.
- Isaiah is known as the *Prophet of Redemption*.
- His book has been called "*The Gospel of Christ according to Isaiah*."
- Because so much of his prophecy is about the Messiah, he earned the title, "*The Messianic Prophet*."
- Tradition claims that his death came by being nailed to boards and sawed into pieces (Hebrews 11: 37, 38).

THE TWELVE KEYS

- Key Number One: "KEY OF INVITATION" –1:18
- Key Number Two: "KEY OF INNOVATION" –2:4
- Key Number Three: "KEY OF INSPIRATION" –6:1
- Key Number Four: "KEY OF INCARNATION" –7:14
- Key Number Five: "KEY OF IDENTIFICATION" –9: 6,7
- Key Number Six: "KEY OF INDIGNATION" –34:2
- Key Number Seven: "KEY OF INTERVENTION" – 37:36
- Key Number Eight: "KEY OF INITIATION" –40:3
- Key Number Nine: "KEY OF INDISCRIMINATION" –42:6
- Key Number Ten: "KEY OF INCORPORATION" –43:5,6
- Key Number Eleven: "KEY OF INOCULATION" –53:4-6
- Key Number Twelve: "KEY OF INAUGURATION" –61:1,2

A FINAL WORD

The material in this article was taken from my textbook entitled *MAJOR AND MINOR PROPHETS*, compiled and used over a period of thirty-five years of my teaching in Bible colleges the course: THE MAJOR AND MINOR PROPHETS.

THANK GOD FOR NOAH'S ARK

Dr. Willie Weaver, IBFI President



Recently my wife, daughter, and some of our family went to the "Ark Encounter," in Williamstown, Kentucky. It was a very interesting experience. It was very impressive and certainly

gave one many ideas of what it could have been like on Noah's Ark. There was of course, much speculation, but it depicted how it possibly could have been like on the Ark during the universal flood. I highly recommend it as a great family activity and educational experience.

I know there will never be another universal flood because God has given us the rainbow as a covenant that He will never do that again. I love the real meaning of the rainbow, even though those who rebel against God's laws (Romans 1 and 2), have perverted its true meaning. The LGBTQ crowd will face God someday. I am not homophobic, I just believe the Bible. God will save them if they repent.

The Bible gives us a sign about the end times. He says in Matthew 24:38-39, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Christ will come again some day for His bride, and then return later to set up His kingdom. We are to observe what is going on in the world, and look through the eyes of the Prophets to discern the times. There seems to be much evidence that Christ's return could be near.

Our new theme for this year is "Seizing the Opportunity!" Romans 13:11 says, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." It is time for us to "seize our opportunities".

We had a wonderful and encouraging "Opening Day Rally" to kick off the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary Fall semester. The opening day rally and the IBF of the GREAT SOUTHWEST and Texas were combined on August 12 -13 at the NBBS chapel. Monday night was well attended with two speakers; myself and Bro. Kevin Hymer of Fair Park Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Bro. Hymer's message was both inspiring and challenging. On Tuesday there was an excellent attendance with the chapel area being filled to overflow with extra chairs set up to accommodate those attending. Missionary Jarrod Tunnell, as well as Bro. Gary Cox and Dr. Raymond Barber brought excellent, challenging messages. Truly a great start to our 36th year. Dr. Stewart is doing an excellent job. The NBBS has experienced continual growth and a host of improvements since he became President of NBBS. The spirit of the Seminary is excellent.

I hope you are making plans to take (seize), the opportunity to be part of the Fall Fellowship Meeting, October 8-10. Bro. and Mrs. Glen Anderson and the fine people of Pensacola Baptist Temple are busy planning the events for the meeting. It has been my experience that fellowship meetings provide opportunities for worship, new vision, challenges, and an excellent sense of belonging to something with eternal value and encouragement. Someone has been quoted as saying, "Encouragement is oxygen to the soul." We need this in our callings and culture. Hope to see you in Pensacola, Florida, at the fall meeting.

OUR 36TH YEAR HAS BEEN LAUNCHED! WE ARE "SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY!"



Jonathan J. Stewart, NBBS President

SPIRITED CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AND A STIRRING SPECIAL IN SONG

On Tuesday morning, August 13, we combined our Opening Day Rally with the Bi-Annual Meeting of the IBF of Texas and the GSW. Jarrod Tunnell, missionary to Argentina and 2017 NBBS graduate brought the first message of the morning. NBBS faculty member, Gary Cox, a long time pastor, and now on staff at Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, Texas, preached the second message. Both men made use of our theme for the year, "Seizing the Opportunity!" Based upon the phrase "a great door and effectual is opened unto me" from I Corinthians 16:9. Just before NBBS Chancellor Dr. Raymond Barber preached, Andrew Johnson, music director at Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas and NBBS faculty member, sang a stirring rendition of O Glorious Love, accompanied by Madeline Guereca. For the 72nd time, Dr. Barber gave the keynote challenge to the students and faculty. All three preachers did indeed "seize the opportunity!" and everyone was encouraged in the Lord. To top it off, nearly \$1,600.00 came in as a love offering, and an alumnus pastor brought in a \$1,200.00 check from their July 28, NBBS Sunday observance. A great luncheon followed.

The grounds and facilities were spruced up by some of the students and IBFI staff ahead of time. This included much work done on the landscaping, repainting of the handrails, power washing of the sidewalk and outside entryways. The summer break provided time for repair work on one of the classrooms, such as mending of a water-damaged sheetrock wall, re-texturing and painting of the wall, as well as the installation and painting of new baseboard and chair railing. We have contacted the window repair contractor, and he is securing the needed materials and hopes to start on the project soon. New hymnals grace the chapel area and reinforce the vibrant spirit of the chapel services. The student body is settled in and classes are underway! New students with great potential have joined our ranks with several more planning to join us in January for the spring semester.



SERMONS FROM ALUMNUS, FACULTY MEMBER, & CHANCELLOR



THE "HOUSE" WAS PACKED AGAIN!



SUCCESSFUL OPENING DAY RALLY

Terry Riggsby, NBBS Field Representative



It has been my privilege to attend all of the opening day rallies since 1984 when the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary began at Worth Baptist Church. On Tuesday, August 13, it was once again my privilege to attend the 36th annual Norris Bible Baptist Seminary Opening Day Rally with a good attendance of students, pastors, and friends. The meeting consisted of singing, fellowship, and as always, the preaching of God's Word! A time of good food and fellowship followed.

One advantage of staying a length of time in a ministry is seeing the fruits of our labor. As a part of this year's student body we have a second generation of NBBS students enrolled: i.e. Joshua Leslie, whose father, Johnny Leslie, graduated in 1997 and is a missionary in Croatia; Jessica Coates, whose parents, Daniel and Tammy Coates are missionaries to Guatemala, and graduated in 1998; Noah and Nathan Grice, whose father, David Grice, a 2002 graduate, on faculty here at NBBS, and pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Just a note that I am still available to present the NBBS ministry and/or fill a pulpit. I can be contacted at 817-648-1859.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kenneth Ralph, Alumni President



This year's Alumnus of the Year recipient was **Bro. Heath Hogue** (1997 graduate). God has blessed him with a sweet congregation and nice facilities in Grand Prairie, Texas. He has pastored Open Door Baptist Church since 2014. God is using him to reach this community by placing within his heart, to pass out 10,000 tracts each year. His goal is to knock on every door within a two-mile radius. Winning souls was our Lord's first business (Luke 19:10), and it should be ours as well. Praise God for this alumnus leading the way.

Another alumnus worthy of mentioning is **Bro. Terry Terry** (2000 graduate). He was a youth pastor for Bro. Paul King at Messiah Baptist Church for four years, and served under Pastor Charles Pugh, as youth pastor, for seven years. He now has been Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Boyd, Texas, for eleven years. Bro. Terry has been in the ministry for a total of twenty-two years, and has been faithful, even through great heartache. Let us follow his example of faithfulness and commitment in serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

FLORA MAE MARTIN

JANUARY 19, 1932 – JUNE 18, 2019



Veteran missionary Flo Martin passed away in her home in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, Tuesday morning, June 18. Flo married Frank Martin on July 19, 1952. They both trusted Christ as their Savior that year and began preparing to be missionaries. In 1959, they left for Costa Rica, where they served for 10 years. They served as missionaries in Guatemala, since 1971. Frank passed away on February 6, 2003.

I was privileged to travel to Guatemala, for her funeral and was present for two of the three services held in different locations in the area. There was a wake held on Tuesday evening, with over 250 in attendance. I arrived in town Wednesday, and was able to attend the second service held at the funeral home; where there was an overflowing crowd. I was honored to preach Thursday's funeral service held at the Temple Baptist Church, the first church that Frank and Flo started in Guatemala. The auditorium was filled, and many went to the cemetery for the graveside service.

The Temple Baptist Church has beautiful facilities. Looking through the glass doors of the auditorium, in the distance one sees the peak of the Santa Maria Volcano. God richly blessed the missionary work of the Martin's. Multitudes have been reached with the Gospel of Christ. I visited three churches that were directly started by Frank and Flo, and there are eight churches in Guatemala, today, that are the result of their ministry. They also worked with and helped start other ministries.

As I stood in front of that group of loved ones, I told them the great truth that Flo Martin's long and fruitful life had brought her to a very special reward. The work that she did for Jesus Christ here on earth is eternal. The results of that work are eternal. And as the Apostle Peter tells us in 2 Peter 1:1, Flo Martin will receive a very special entrance into Heaven.

"For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."
- 2 Peter 1:11

*-John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director
Psalm 16:11*

Dear Pastors, Missionaries, and Friends of the IBFI,

Pensacola Baptist Temple is excited about hosting the IBFI Annual Fall Fellowship meeting on October 8-10. I know that Dr. Weaver and the Board have an exciting line up of speakers for this meeting that you do not want to miss. We are planning to have an old-fashioned fried chicken dinner for lunch on Tuesday, and a seafood feast on Wednesday.

I would suggest booking your room as soon as possible so you can get the best price. The Red Roof inn will be the least expensive and still nice. There are several fast food restaurants, as well as a Cracker Barrel, Ruby Tuesday, and Sonny's BBQ located at the same exit.

May the Lord bless us with a wonderful time of fellowship! We are looking forward to seeing you in October!

Bro. Glen Anderson



UPCOMING EVENTS

IBF METROPLEX MEETINGS

September 19 - Thursday - Countryside Baptist Church Mansfield, Texas – Host Pastor Claude Sutton

November 21 - Thursday – 1st Baptist Church of Cottondale Paradise, Texas – Host Pastor Charles Pugh

December 12 - Thursday – Worth Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas – Host Pastor Tyler Gillit

Make your plans **NOW** to attend **IBFI FALL FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

Tuesday - Thursday, October 8 - 10, 2019
Pensacola Baptist Temple
Pensacola, Florida – Host Pastor Glen Anderson

HOTEL INFORMATION

All of the hotels that are listed are at exit 7, Pine Forrest Rd. & I 10.

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