



ALBA PRIDAY
MAY 6, 1957–
DECEMBER 10, 2022

Alba Consuelo Miranda Priday was the sixth child of ten born to Carlos Santos and Martha Beatriz in a village outside of Siguatepeque, Honduras, on May 6, 1957. She attended first through third grades in a country school, then the family moved to town so she could go to fourth grade.

Her mother took her children to Catholic mass each week. Under the influence of her oldest sister, who was a nurse at a Christian hospital, Alba was saved at the age of seven in a revival held at the hospital. The Pridays were neighbors for two years, and Leslie and Alba became very good friends. Later she moved to the capital of Honduras and studied law in the National University.

After not seeing each other for eight years, the Lord used unusual circumstances to bring Alba and Leslie together again. She had started attending a small Southern Baptist Church, and was asking the Lord to show her the right church to join. Leslie's father, Harold Priday, baptized her. They were married by Leslie's father in 1988.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 2009, and she is survived by her husband of 34 years, Leslie Priday, her three sons: Zadic Steve, Halbert Loyd, Edgar Daniel and his wife Alexandra, two beautiful granddaughters: Aly who is almost four years old, and Samantha who is two years old, her father Carlos Santos Miranda, her nine siblings: Elsa, Enma, Arturo, Carlos, Donaldo, Amparo, Profilia, Ada, Digna, many nieces and nephews, and Harold and Lena Priday.

She loved her family very much and served as a homeschool teacher, stay at home mom, as well as taking care of her mother and father in their sicknesses.

She loved plants and flowers very much; especially orchids, roses, and anthuriums. Growing flowers was her hobby. Leslie is always tripping over them or hitting his head on the ones which are hanging. She also learned to be a wonderful cook.

Alba also loved to serve the Lord. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church since 1988. On furloughs, she always traveled with Leslie. She loved to teach the children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

She organized the National Ladies Conferences that were held in Honduras, until COVID. She was a vital help in the organization and operation of youth camps. The ladies and girls looked to her as a counselor and second mother. Of course, she was her husband's, Leslie, advisor and counselor. In the United States, she loved Weatherford's First Monday and going to garage sales.

Alba Miranda Priday went home to be with the Lord approximately 4:58 A.M. Saturday, December 10th, 2022. She will be immensely missed by all her family and friends.

Alba was recognized in her death by two prominent Honduran television stations. One in the capitol, Tegucigalpa, and the other in Seguatepeque. She was personally known by both announcers for her national contribution, and she was very active in national projects through the Lions club. Leslie and Alba were national officers of the Lions club presenting the Gospel through every available opportunity.

**JERRY MOORE - A LEADING PRESENCE
IN THE IBFI FOR MANY YEARS**



Jerry Wayne Moore passed into eternal life with Jesus on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at his home in Duncan, Oklahoma with his family at his side. He was born March 15, 1942, in Ringling, Oklahoma to O.L. Moore and Estelle Kerley-Chesnut.

Jerry graduated from Duncan High School with the Class of 1960. He received his Bachelor of Divinity from Arlington Baptist College. His love and dedication to the Lord and his work are admirable-60-plus years of ministry. He planted several churches in the United States and as a missionary in Brazil-many of which are still thriving today. He especially loved missions and spent 9 years as a Director of Missions for IBFI.

He married Marsha Dean on April 6, 1962, at Bible Baptist Church in Duncan, OK. Together, they raised three children: Marcia, Jerry Don, and Michelle. He had a knack for fixing things, without any need for instructions or prior experience. And he loved the outdoors-fishing, hunting, and flying planes-and watching his westerns, no matter how many times he'd seen them.

He left a legacy of strong faith in God and love for his family and those around him. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.L. Moore and Estelle Kerley-Chesnut, and brother, Don Moore. Jerry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marsha; his three children: Marcia Rudd (and husband Alan of Ardmore), Jerry Don Moore (and wife Amie of Duncan), Michelle Gregory (and husband Russell of Keller, Texas); 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Words from from NBBS President - Jonathan J. Stewart

For so many years, Jerry and Marsha Moore have been a source of help, encouragement and friendship to so many in various ministerial pursuits and settings. My wife Lara and I, have many fond memories of times together serving the Lord with them - times together at fellowship meetings, other times together, many in association with the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. We are better for our friendship with Jerry and Marsha. We will ever be grateful now for these times. They are friends for eternity! Revelation 14:13 - Ephesians 2:7.

Words from IBFI Missions Director - John Peoples

Friday morning, I received a call that Bro. Jerry Moore had gone home to Glory. When Jerry and Marsha served as missionaries to Brazil, they lived in Benevides where Shirley and I lived and where we started our last church as missionaries. When we were young missionaries on deputation, Jerry invited us to his Mission Conference at the Crossroads Baptist Church in Duncan, Oklahoma. Jerry planted this church when he came back from Brazil. Not long ago, Jerry invited me to preach his September 2021 Mission Conference at Harvest Hills Baptist Church in Duncan (formerly Crossroads Baptist Church). Retiring shortly afterwards, Jerry and Marsha remained special friends to us and our ministry. After I received that call, I couldn't help but think of Hebrews 12:1 and that great cloud of witnesses; knowing that its number had just increased again. I had to ask "Lord, with all of the glories in their presence, why are they watching us run our race?" I now have four reasons to give you.

They Love Us! Love doesn't stop at the grave. We still love them and they still love us. They Care for Us! Knowing what they now know, they watch to encourage us to do more. They are Interested in Us! We are an extension of their ministry. They labored and we have entered into their labors. They See Jesus Watching Us! They are doing what Jesus is doing. There must be a lesson here. Because they are watching: I want to do right; I want to finish well; I want to preach Christ; I want to look unto Jesus.



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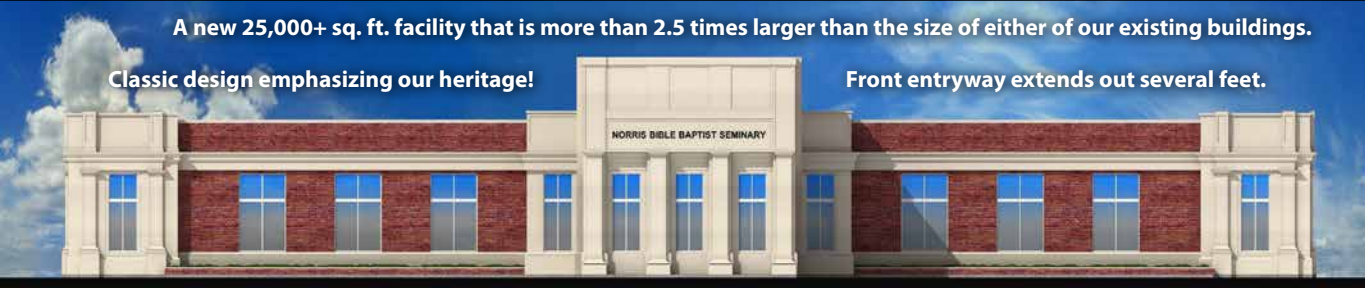
39th IBFI Annual May Fellowship Meeting Monday Evening-Thursday NOON • May 22-25, 2023

"PRAYE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST | In the Raymond W. Barber Conference Center, WOULD SEND FORTH LABOURERS" Luke 10:2 | 724 N. Jim Wright Frwy., Ft. Worth, TX 76108

Starts Monday Night at 5:30 with BBQ Banquet & Guest Preacher Dean Miller

TUESDAY 9 AM - NOON 7:00 PM NBBS Graduation	 Pastor Tyler Gillitt Worth Baptist Church Ft. Worth, TX	 Pastor Claude Sutton Countryside Baptist Church, Mansfield, TX	 Pastor Dean Miller Front Range Baptist Ch., Ft. Collins, CO	 Evang. Jonathan Stewart NBBS President Victory BC, W'ford, TX
WEDNESDAY 9 AM - NOON 7:00 PM (Evening Service is at Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, TX)	 Pastor Paul Shearin Bible BC, Hillsboro, TX Ind. Baptist Builders	 Pastor Eric Crawford Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, TX	 Pastor Eric Crawford President General Assembly NBBS Update Special Offering Business Session Ground Breaking at the New Property	 Tyler Yates Missionary Mexico Dr. Raymond W. Barber IBFI Pres. Emeritus
THURSDAY 9 AM - NOON	 Pastor Gary Miller Fundamental Baptist Church, Palmer, TX	 Tony Rao IBFI Home Ch. Planting Missionary (ABCP) Countryside Baptist Church, Mansfield, TX	 Pastor J.D. Weida Bible Baptist Church El Dorado, AR	\$75,000 OFFERING GOAL

Ground Breaking Ceremony on New Property Wednesday Morning!



FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT | NEWS & EVENTS | SCHOOL, MISSIONS & ALUMNI NEWS

WHY DOES THE NORRIS BIBLE BAPTIST SEMINARY PLAY SUCH A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN TRAINING PREACHERS, PREACHERS' WIVES, AND WOMEN FOR LADIES' MINISTRIES?



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

REASON NUMBER ONE:

The Norris Bible Baptist Seminary was founded in 1984 upon the principles of the Bible Baptist Seminary, the school that was built upon the vision of two of the icons of Fundamentalism: Dr. J. Frank Norris and Dr. Louis Entzminger.

These men were visionaries, and, in 1939, they had a vision to build a school whose curriculum was based on the Word of God. They sought not acceptance, accreditation, or the approval of the theological world. Their desire was to train men of all ages, social standing, and educational background (or the lack of it) who had been called of God into the gospel ministry.

REASON NUMBER TWO:

The Norris Bible Baptist Seminary adopted the Norris-Entzminger curriculum that incorporated the theme: TEACHING THE WHOLE ENGLISH BIBLE. This is one of the characteristics that makes NBBS so different from many other theological schools, some of which have left their original purpose of training preachers and have adopted the curriculum of liberal arts schools. The NBBS has stayed on the basis upon which it was founded: preacher training, soul-winning, and church planting, as well as offering mission courses that will prepare those called to serve as missionaries at home and abroad.

REASON NUMBER THREE:

The NBBS has not deviated from the concept of teaching every book of the Bible in the order in which they appear from Genesis to Revelation. Studying Old Testament books prepares students to master books of the New Testament. The O.T. is to the N.T. what roots are to trees: One is not complete without the other.

At Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, there is no "hop, skip, and jump" approach to learning the Bible. Such an approach leaves a lot to be had in an effort to get the message God intended for the students to learn. It is only the systematic study of each book in proper order that fully equips the student to be prepared to fulfill his calling as a preacher of the Word.

These three reasons are only a few of the many reasons that the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary is a significant institution of biblical learning in this area where fundamentalism, as we know it, had its roots. The future is brighter than ever as we continue to do what we started to do from day one of our existence: TRAIN PREACHERS!

Additionally, it is beneficial to the student body that the economic base in the Metroplex ranks high among the markets of the nation. This provides outstanding opportunities for employment while students are pursuing their degrees in Bible college.

The seminary is located in the heart of the Bible-belt where many independent Baptist churches offer students opportunities to get hand-on experience by taking part in church ministries. Local pastors are eager to have "preachers in the making" serve their congregations with fundamentals of the faith that they acquire from classroom lectures by God-called instructors.

LEARNING WITH A LASTING IMPACT



*Eric Crawford,
IBFI President*

My first introduction to Norris Bible Baptist Seminary was in 1990, my Junior year in high school, when my dad took my older brother Danny to visit the school. Danny attended Norris for one year in 1991 and I started attending in the fall of 1992, at the age of 18. I had just graduated from high school in May, and had gotten married in July. Growing up, I was blessed to be raised in two good, solid Independent Baptist churches with great pastors who believed in preaching the Bible. At home my dad taught us the Bible through daily family devotions. When I started attending Norris I thought, "What are they going to teach me that I don't already know?" I mean, what did these guys know about the Bible that I had not already heard at some point in my life? Boy, was I in for a surprise!

My first semester, I had Old Testament Bible Survey Class and Personal Evangelism Class. Those two classes alone changed my outlook on the Bible and effective outreach ministries. I cannot express how glad I am that my dad chose to encourage me to go to Norris. Learning the Bible from preachers who were actively in the ministry was such an encouragement to me. The Norris Seminary philosophy really has had a lasting impact on the ministries the Lord has allowed me to be involved in and to lead.

My understanding of the Bible was far more limited than I ever realized when I entered Norris. My first semester in classes blew my mind! The Bible opened up like never before, and I truly fell in love with the Word of God. It came to life for me and to this day I am still in awe of the vastness of the content it contains.

Norris Bible Baptist Seminary has stayed the course throughout the many years since I first attended. I am glad that as a pastor, I can whole heartedly recommend it to all of the prospective students in our church. As a dad, I felt confident enough to send my own son there.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary students and faculty. We are looking forward to another great graduating class this May.

A Personal Word from Dr. Barber

Bob Wallace was a Christian statesman of the first magnitude: a man of integrity, honesty, character, courage, and compassion. He was a faithful husband, loving father and grandfather, and dedicated pastor. He was a recognized Bible scholar and renowned professor at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, respected by his students and his fellow faculty members.



His latest pastorate was at Regency Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, where he served faithfully and successfully until failing health led to his retirement. His legacy lives on and will continue long after his homegoing.



ANOTHER INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY LIKE FEW OTHERS!

Jonathan J. Stewart, NBBS President

This year of graduates puts us at fifty graduates since 2015. This is in spite of the limiting effects COVID-19 had on our churches in 2020, and 2021, and therefore the enrollment numbers those two years at our school. We rebounded nicely this past fall with 16 freshmen. This was not what we were having before the fall of 2020, but much closer to getting back into the 20s, and knocking on the door of having 30 freshmen.

Jeffery R. Butler is a member of the Worth Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, where Tyler Gillit is the pastor. He participates in the wide-spread nursing home ministry which the church heads up. He is in his early 40s. He has been a major help in various areas of the practical needs of the men's dormitory (the Entzminger House), from lawn maintenance and landscaping, to troubleshooting repair needs, making minor repairs; and with various remodeling needs. He oftentimes selflessly sought to be a help in most every way he could, whether it be for a fellow student, a faculty member, or the school administration in general. He is a great example of how older students can be a great asset to the seminary. He is studious, well read, and of great potential for the Lord's work. He completed his studies for an Associate's Degree in Bible, in December, 2022, this past semester.



Fred M. Clark is a member of Hickory Creek Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, where Raymond Castro is pastor. He serves as an assistant pastor. He is in his early 70s. He is retired from the United States Army. He first served in the USAF from 1972-1976. He then joined the US Army in 1976, and retired 1993. He was in the 82nd Airborne. He was stationed in South Korea twice, Panama, and was deployed to the Middle East twice (once as a part of a peace keeping force in 1982, and for Desert Storm in August of 1990). He was an Airborne Instructor for 3 years, and he made a total of 112 parachute jumps. He was a drill Sergeant for 2 years, with his final rank being Sergeant First Class E-7. He plans to continue his studies at NBBS and may secure an Associate's Degree from the seminary in days ahead. In the meantime, he wanted to at least secure a one-year Bible Diploma. He has a love for his fellow students and is a very caring encourager to them in many ways. He's a very good and substantive preacher. He is married to Debbie, and they have a son and a daughter, two granddaughters, one grandson, and one great granddaughter.

Jessica Faith Coates is a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas, where alumnus David Grice is the pastor. She is in her early 20s and is a second generation student at NBBS. Her parents are NBBS graduates from the early days of the school and are long-term missionaries to Guatemala. She grew up while her family was on deputation, serving on the field of Guatemala, and during days of furlough. She is the oldest of several siblings and much loved by all of them. She has been a great asset to the student body by way of her love for the Lord and fellow students, her spirit, and intelligence. Her singing has been a blessing throughout her days of schooling, not only in the seminary, but in IBFI fellowship meetings. She is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree with a Major in Bible and a Minor in Church Ministry.



Sydney Alyssa Dobbs is a member of Worth Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, where Tyler Gillit is pastor. She grew up in the church during her teenage years, and is now in her early 20s. Sydney is the wife of recent NBBS graduate, Phillip Dobbs. He and Sydney are missions interns at their church. Presently, she is graduating with a two-year Associate's Degree in Bible, however, as they further prepare to soon become missionaries, she is very open to continuing her studies at NBBS as the Lord leads. In the short time she has been with us, she has been a very good student, and has shown to possess a pleasant disposition, a spirit of gratefulness, and a vision for missions in the big picture sense while also having a heart for personally reaching people for Christ – something she has readily done, during her time of schooling with us.

Aubrey D. Marquardt is also a member of Worth Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, where Tyler Gillit has been her pastor for several years, as was Dr. Wille Weaver earlier in her life. She is in her early 20s. She has been a continual positive presence throughout her years of schooling at NBBS. Aubrey has been an encourager of her fellow students, as well as a help to the school administration in various ways. She has an excellent attendance record, and her school work was done in a quality and timely fashion. She is



intelligent, very teachable, and has been a delight to have in school. Her solo singing, as well as in duets and trios, have graced the chapel services at the seminary, and IBFI fellowship meetings. She is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree with a Major in Bible and a Minor in Church Ministry.

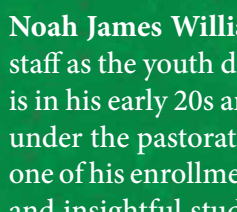


Anthony K. Mosley is a member of Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, Texas, where Eric Crawford is the pastor. Anthony is married to Mary Mosley. They have one son. Bro. Mosley has been very active in helping IBFI home missionary Scott Griffin and his wife with his work with the homeless in Ft. Worth, Texas, which is in connection with the establishment of the Homeless No More Baptist Church, in Ft. Worth. He is in his 30s. Bro. Mosley recently secured a one-year Bible diploma from NBBS, but decided to further his education. He is graduating with a two-year Associate's Degree in Bible.

Jonah Paul Shelton is member of Central Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, where his father Paul Shelton is the pastor. He is a graduate of Heritage Christian Academy of Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, Texas. Jonah is receiving a two-year Associate's Degree in Bible. He is in his early 20s and is a bright and warm-hearted young man, with a love for the Word of God. His involvement with the school has always been a plus. He is well-liked by his classmates and faculty. He plans to continue his education in days ahead.



David Striegel is a member of Worth Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, where Tyler Gillit is pastor. His warm, upbeat spirit, and hunger for the Word of God resonates with the student body. He, and his wife Abril, serve in various ministries of their church. He is securing a one-year Bible diploma, but hopes to return in the fall to further pursue his education.



Noah James Williams is a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas, where he is on staff as the youth director and assistant pastor. He is married to 2022 NBBS graduate Lauren Williams. He is in his early 20s and was called to preach during his days at Santa Fe Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas, under the pastorate of Tony Thomas and the youth directorship of alumnus Heath Van Zandt. From day one of his enrollment at NBBS, he has been an uplifting presence to the student body. He is a very dedicated and insightful student of the Word of God, with a passion for souls. Noah is active in conducting youth rallies with other NBBS students who are youth directors, as well as assisting other churches in their youth ministries - such as VBS. He has always been a hands-on help at the school in any way he can. He is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree with a Major in Bible and a Pastoral Minor.



We yet again are anticipating great things in the days ahead from this year's graduates. There is yet again true potential for impacting a world "across the board." They have all been busy in the Lord's work while in school – as conduits through whom the Lord has won and disciplined many souls. They are joining the ranks of many alumni who have set their hands to the plow and not looked back through the years, who have "stayed by stuff," as Louis Entzminger used to tell the old Bible Baptist Seminary, "Go on, go on, go on." May they all indeed do so! To the supporting churches and individuals of NBBS, you have yet again made a great investment in eternity. You will surely ultimately touch the lives of thousands through these graduates in days ahead. You have already touched hundreds through them!



WITH ANOTHER YEAR COMES OPPORTUNITY

Kenneth Ralph, Alumni President

The future for NBBS is not only filled with opportunity, but also productivity. Each report I receive, I am hearing of more and more graduates who are taking the next step to enter into full-time Christian service: pastors, missionaries, Christian school teachers, assistant pastors, music leaders, and church planters. Many other graduates are faithful laymen and actively

productive members in their churches. Through NBBS, people are being saved, lives are being changed, families are being put back together, churches are being strengthened, and men and women are being trained for the work of the ministry. As alumni of Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, our main goal is to magnify Christ. Our school is doing so!

For anyone sitting on the sidelines saying, "I wish I could have gone to Bible college" - one is never too old to enroll, so do it today! The NBBS student body is characterized by persons of all ages. To those who have already graduated, stay plugged in. To those looking for a bright future, one can never go wrong investing in the promises of God.

METRO AREA IBFI MEETINGS

APRIL MAIBFI MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2023
Countryside Baptist Church, Mansfield, TX
Pastor Claude Sutton
Lite Breakfast at 8:30am
Services at 9:30am with Lunch to Follow

JUNE MAIBFI MEETING
Thursday, June 15, 2023
Homeless No More Baptist Church
Pastor Scott Griffin
Lite Breakfast at 8:30am
Services at 9:30am with Lunch to Follow

JULY MAIBFI MEETING
Thursday, July 20, 2023
Fort Victory Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Keisling
Lite Breakfast at 8:30am
Services at 9:30am with Lunch to Follow

IBFI 2023 FALL FELLOWSHIP MEETING
Tuesday – Thursday
October 10-12, 2023
Cornerstone Baptist Temple
Dayton, Ohio
Full details will be available at www.ibfi.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

IBFI NATIONAL SPRING MEETING
Monday–Thursday
May 22-25, 2023
Raymond W. Barber Conference Center
Fort Worth, Texas

MAY FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES
Monday evening will be the J. Frank Norris Fellowship Service. Our annual fellowship dinner, beginning at 5:30 PM, will be held before the services which will begin at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday afternoon there will be a board meeting held at 1:00pm. A lite lunch will be served for the board members and their wives.

Graduation services on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. Afterwards, we will have a small reception to honor our graduates and their families.


Wednesday at noon we will have our Annual Alumni Luncheon. Everyone is invited, please make plans to attend.

The Wednesday evening services will be held at the Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, TX.

Thursday morning will be final charge for "Pray Ye Therefore."
Nursery will be provided for all services.

MISSION STORE 2023

Please do not forget our annual Mission Store. Gift cards are always accepted, as well as new, unused items. This is a great blessing to our IBFI missionaries, and they are always grateful for your giving. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Shirley Peebles at the Mission Office at 817-367-3422.



HOTEL INFORMATION

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ELECTION INFORMATION

The following officers have each served two years and **WILL BE** be eligible for re-election:

ERIC CRAWFORD President	DAVID GRICE Vice President	TYLER GILLIT Secretary
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The following board members have each served for three years and **WILL NOT** be eligible to serve this year:

BARRY BEDWELL	MARK BROWN	CHARLES WETHERBEE
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We will be voting at the General Assembly meeting on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Please come prepared to vote and to serve because each office is important.

A.F. JERNIGAN - A DIFFERENCE MAKER! People may not believe what you are preaching, but they ought to believe, you believe it." A.F. Jernigan



ARVIN (ARVIE) F. JERNIGAN
AUGUST 31, 1938–FEBRUARY 5, 2023
Reverend A.F. Jernigan was saved at Providence Baptist Church in Kountze, Texas, in a revival meeting. He entered the ministry in 1959. The first sermon he ever preached was in Houston, Texas, in September of 1959. At this time, he moved his family to Arlington, Texas, and enrolled in the Bible Baptist Seminary. He turned a four-year program into three years by attending summer classes. He earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1962.

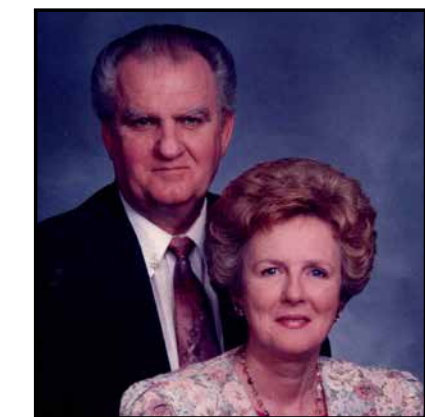


At the age of 23, while attending seminary as a student pastor, Arvin pastored the Patrick Baptist Church in Ferris, Texas, from May 21, 1961, to July 22, 1962. It was on May 21, 1961, that he preached his very first sermon as pastor of a church. Upon graduation, he was called to serve as the associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Pasadena, Texas, under the ministry of Dr. P.H. Powell.



In March of 1963, he became pastor of Lakeland Street Baptist Church where he served for 35 years. During his pastorate, Lakeland Baptist Church underwent several building programs. The original auditorium was enlarged and remodeled in 1963. The first educational building and Sunday School offices, including the pre-school and the educational building, were erected in 1964. The Church purchased additional land for a parking lot in 1965. In 1966, the present auditorium and a new pre-school education building were dedicated. The original auditorium was converted into a chapel and Sunday School department. Then the church underwent a complete remodeling program which changed the look of the church both internally and externally in 1985.

He is survived by his Wife, Patricia Jernigan; sons, Mark Jernigan and Nathan Jernigan, his wife Jill Jernigan, and his daughter, Lisa Jernigan; ten grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.



Praise God he is in Heaven and he can see and walk, all his illness now gone! He can talk with Jesus face to face, but we shall miss him.