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GREAT 26TH ANNIVERSARY IBFI MEETING

On Monday night, May 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the 26th anniversary meeting of the IBFI began with the J. Frank Norris Memorial Banquet. All in attendance had a wonderful time and were blessed by the challenging message of **Dr. A. V. Henderson**.

On Tuesday the meeting continued with these wonderful men of God speaking for us: **Scott Pauley**, Vice-President of Crown College, Powell, Tennessee; **Pastor Glen Anderson**, Pensacola Baptist Temple, Pensacola, Florida; **Pastor Eric Crawford**, Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, Texas; and **Dr. Clarence Sexton**, President of Crown Southwest-Norris Seminary, Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, and founder and President of Crown College, Powell, Tennessee. Following the morning sessions, the Alumni Association hosted a well-attended luncheon at Spring Creek Barbecue. The President **Robin Webb**, had alumni and administrators share thoughts on the godly influence the school has been in the past, and discussed goals for the future.

On Tuesday evening we had a marvelous graduation at the Raymond W. Barber Conference Center. **Dr. A. V. Henderson** was our Commencement speaker. Praise the Lord for the **39 graduates** from the Crown Southwest, Norris Seminary and the Fort Worth School of the Bible. **Dr. A. V. Henderson** was awarded a Doctor of Humanities from Crown College, Powell, TN and **Dr. Raymond W. Barber** was given a Doctor of Divinity from Crown College. There was a great crowd in attendance for this exciting time.

BUSINESS MEETING AND NEW OFFICERS

On Wednesday, the speakers for the

morning sessions were **Dr. Dan Knickerbocker**, director of Crown Southwest-Norris Seminary and **Dr. Willie Weaver**, Pastor of Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and President of the IBFI. Following the two speakers, the General Assembly entered into its annual business meeting. **Dr. Willie Weaver** was elected as President, and **Rev. Jim Pointer** of Sioux City Baptist Church, Sioux City, Iowa, was elected Vice-President. **Dr. Terry Riggsby** was elected as Secretary. The new members elected to the Board of Directors are **Dr. Charles Wetherbee**, Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas; **Rev. Bill Hardin**, Pastor of McPherson Road Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; and **Rev. Charles Pugh**, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Cottdale, Paradise, Texas. The General Assembly also approved **Frank and Amanda Smith**, members of Worth Baptist Church, as new missionaries to the country of Great Britain. The fellowship offering was taken after the business meeting. A total of \$28,646.00 was collected for the May offering with an additional amount of \$6,770.00 being promised within the next 90 days. We are thankful for all the churches and individuals who gave.

The speakers for the Wednesday night service were **Missionary Harold Friday**, missionary to Honduras, and **Dr. Raymond W. Barber**, Chancellor, Crown Southwest and Norris Seminary; President Emeritus IBFI, and Pastor Emeritus of Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. After the service, a very nice reception was held in the Family Life Center of Worth Baptist Church.

The speakers for the closing ses-

sions on Thursday were **Dr. Terry Riggsby**, Associate Pastor, Worth Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas; **Pastor Jim Pointer**, Sioux City Baptist Church, Sioux City, Iowa; **Pastor Barry Bedwell**, Faith Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, Michigan; and **Dr. Charles Wetherbee**, Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND GREAT UNITY

The fellowship meeting ended with **Dr. Charles Wetherbee** conducting an altar call. The presence of the Lord was obvious. The altar was full and the meeting ended on a positive note of great unity and purpose for the future. Many who attended commented about the success of the meeting and stated that it was one of the best they had attended in years. Every indication is that the Independent Baptist Fellowship International has a wonderful future.

The October Fall Meeting of the IBFI will be hosted by the Pensacola Baptist Temple, Pensacola, Florida, **Glen Anderson, Pastor**. The dates are Tuesday – Thursday, October 12-14th. Looking forward to a great meeting in Pensacola!



IBFI President Dr. Willie Weaver speaking at the meeting.

ALUMNI INVOLVED IN THE IBFI MEETING



Above: Center is 1988 graduate **Mrs. Melody Webb** singing with her daughters, Elizabeth (left-a current student) and Stephanie (right). Mrs. Webb helped with the ladies' tea.



Newly-elected Alumni President **Mark Brown** (1995) Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia.



Pastor Glen Anderson (1994) spoke at the meeting. He is the pastor at Pensacola Baptist Temple in Pensacola, Florida.



Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Midlothian, Texas, **Dale Harris** (2003) and his wife Cheryl a graduate of Ft. Worth School of the Bible.



Pastor Eric Crawford (1995) Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, Texas, spoke on Tuesday morning.



Left: New missionary **Frank Smith** (2008 and Norris Seminary 2009) and **Pastor Robin Webb** (1987) of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, visit.



Mission Director John Peeples (1986) and his wife Shirley.

This is a sampling of the many Alumni who attended and had a part in the meeting this year.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Jerry Brinkman



Dr. Raymond Barber
Chancellor CSW-NS
Pastor Emeritus,
Worth Baptist Church
Fort Worth, Texas

On March 22, 2010, the gates of Heaven swung open wide to receive Jerry Brinkman, one of God's choice servants, into the eternal city where the saints of God will never grow old, where we will never say goodbye, and where the soul of man

will never die. Our loss is Heaven's gain. The cause of his sudden death was a ruptured aneurysm.

My friendship with the Brinkman family dates back to 1977 when they joined Worth Baptist Church while Jerry was a student at Arlington Baptist College. Jerry came on staff at Worth Baptist as Youth Pastor, serving in this position faithfully for several years. Jerry was a special and close friend to me for more than thirty years.

He pastored in Arizona, Oklahoma, and Texas. His last pastorate before retiring was the Bible Baptist Church in Woodard, Oklahoma.



Rev. J.A. Brinkman

Born

February 2, 1938

Died

March 22, 2010

Service

Bible Baptist Church

2:00 p.m. Saturday

March 27, 2010

Officiating

Dr. Raymond Barber

Pastor Kim Hayes

Pastor David Brinkman

Place of Interment

Fairlawn Cemetary

Chickasha, Oklahoma

Jerry taught the Life of Christ and Prophetical Books courses at the Norris Bible Baptist Institute for several years. Before he accepted the pastorate of Bible Baptist Church in Woodard, Oklahoma, he traveled extensively throughout the nation preaching in independent Baptist churches.

His last months were spent at Bible Baptist Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma, serving as Senior Adult Pastor under the leadership of Pastor Kim Hayes.

While pastoring in Woodard, Jerry served as chaplain of the Woodard Police Department. Fourteen police officers attended his funeral services. Dr. Raymond Barber, Pastor Kim Hayes, and Jerry's son David conducted the memorial service held in Bible Baptist Church, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Hundreds of people paid their final respects at the service.

Jerry's survivors are his wife Carol, two sons Dan and David, five grandchildren, two brothers, and a host of friends across America. A man of his caliber will be missed, and no friend will miss him more than I.

A WORD OF THANKS

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Barber express their gratitude for the honoring of their 59th wedding anniversary during the Spring Fellowship Meeting, Wednesday, May 19.



Above: **Dr. Barber** speaking at the Wednesday evening service of the IBFI Annual Spring Meeting.

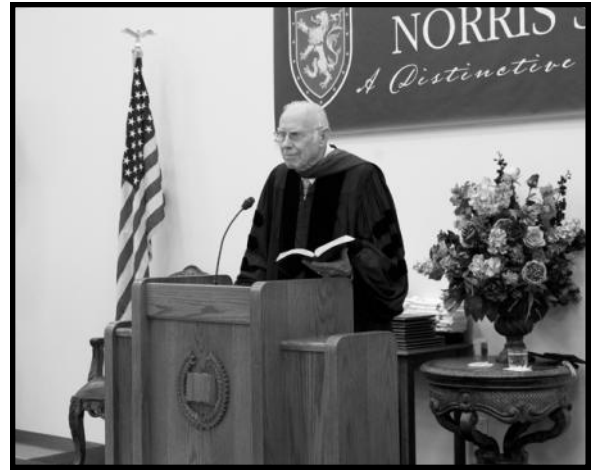
Right: **Dr. and Mrs. Barber** being honored on the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary



Crown Southwest~Norris Seminary Graduation



Above left: Graduates and guests at the Tuesday evening graduation service.



Above right: Dr. A. V. Henderson was the speaker.



Right: The first class of 30 graduates from the Ft. Worth School of the Bible.



Daniel Ledford received the J. Frank Norris Award for Preachers from Dr. Clarence Sexton.



Marcus Richey received the Raymond Barber Leadership Award from Dr. Sexton and Dr. Barber.

True to the Faith in Changing Times



The guests at the J. Frank Norris Memorial Banquet listening to Dr. A. V. Henderson



Dr. A.V. Henderson, Dr. Raymond Barber and Dr. Clarence Sexton.



Mrs. Clarence Sexton spoke at the Ladies' Tea on Tuesday afternoon.



The 2009 - 2010 Faculty of Crown Southwest



Dr. & Mrs. Raymond W. Barber and Dr. & Mrs. A. V. Henderson.



After the Wednesday evening service, which was held at Worth Baptist Church, guests enjoyed a reception.

Mission Seminar ~ New Missionaries



Bro. John Peeples
IBFI
Mission Director

The 2010 May IBFI meeting was a special blessing to the missionaries that were present. We want to give our heartfelt thanks to each of you who gave to the Mission Store. **Dr. Willie Weaver, Bro. Terry Riggsby,** and the Worth Baptist church made a special effort to give and to make this a special time for the missionaries. Thanks!

We were blessed to have **Dr. and Mrs. Don Gregory** for our missionary seminar. They freely gave to us from their rich storehouse of wisdom and experience. It is always good to spend time of fellowship around God's word and learn from and encourage each other in the work that God has called us to do. It is an honor to be associated with this fine group of faithful servants of God. Please continue to pray for these faithful missionaries who are on the field, on deputation, and on furlough.

Frank and Amanda Smith Missionaries on Deputation to England

It is a joy to present these young missionaries to you. Sent out of the Worth Baptist Church in Fort Worth, and approved by the IBFI, Frank and Amanda are now on deputation to raise financial and prayer support. God has led them to work in England where over 4,000 churches are expected to close during the next decade. They have a burden to "strengthen the things that remain" as they allow God to use them as instruments to build churches and help pastorless churches whose doors are ready to close. The needs are great and time is of the essence!

Frank was saved at the age of 27 and called into the ministry shortly thereafter. Amanda was saved at the age of 14 and surrendered to do the will of God. They met at Bible College in Oklahoma City and have been happily married for six years.

Frank is a 2008 graduate of Crown Southwest and earned his Master's of Ministry from Norris Seminary in 2009. Their character, faithfulness, gifts, and Christ-like spirit have impressed us who have had the opportunity to work with them the past few years. They come with excellent recommendations from their home church and pastor **Dr. W. W. Weaver** who said "I am confident, having observed



their lives for a number of years, that they will do an excellent job. As their pastor, I highly recommend them to you for support. I believe their ministry will be a good investment for any church and pastor."

With this recommendation, I heartily concur! I encourage you to pray for them, schedule them to present their ministry at your church, and consider them for financial support. I am praying that they will quickly build their support and get to the field to do what God as led them to do.

They plan a short trip to England in September. They are currently contacting churches and scheduling meetings. They can be reached by contacting Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, or the IBFI Office.



Above: **Dr. & Mrs. Gregory** were an encouragement, and they shared much with our missionaries.



Above: IBFI Missionaries who attended the seminar. Front row: **Larry & Regina McKinney, Kathy & Ron Valerio.** Back row: **Speaker Dr. Gregory, Mrs. Gregory, Harold Priday, Frank Smith, Karin & Ted Johnson, Mission Director John Peeples and wife Shirley.**

To God be the Glory



**Evangelist
Dan Knickerbocker**
*Director of Crown Southwest
Norris Seminary
Ft. Worth School of the Bible
Lake Texoma Baptist Youth Camp*

Romans 4:20-21 *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God: And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

1. Staggered not - A prerequisite to completing the course of study
2. Strong in Faith - To see the course of study completed.
3. Giving glory to God - Resulting in God using you in the future

I am always thrilled when I see people give glory to God! That was the atmosphere of the 2010 May Com-

mencement on the campus of Crown Southwest. **Dr. Clarence Sexton** gave Bachelor Degrees to eight graduates in the 4-year undergraduate program, one Master of Ministry degree in the Norris Seminary, and then 30 graduates of the Fort Worth School of the Bible received Bible Certificates. The conference center was full! There was cheering and excitement as those that have worked so hard were rewarded. **Dr. A.V. Henderson** received from **Dr. Clarence Sexton** a Doctor of Humanities degree. He founded Baptist Bible College East from which I graduated. It was an honor to sign his degree in his 73rd year of ministry. He is truly a pulpiteer and a gracious Man of God. **Dr. Raymond W. Barber** was award a Doctor of Divinity degree.

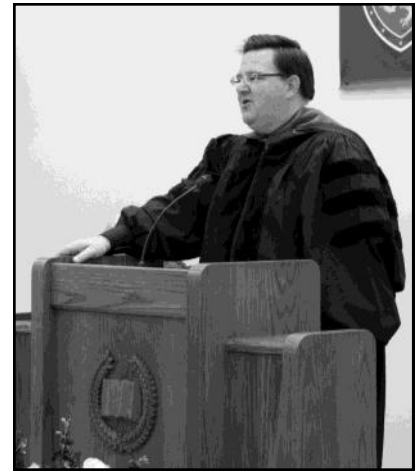
We look forward to a great semester this fall with at least 40 prospective students at Crown Southwest.

Pray for decisions for salvation and full-time ministry at Lake Texoma Baptist Youth Camp this summer as we will have over 1000 campers in attendance!

If you would like to have a financial

part in this great opportunity, please send your love gift to
Lake Texoma Baptist Youth Camp
28613 Preston Bend Road
Pottsboro, Texas 75076

With all our love,
Dan & Anne Marie Knickerbocker



Above: Dr. Dan Knickerbocker says a few words before saying the closing prayer for the graduation service.



Class of 2009 Left to right: Daniel Ledford, Norris Seminary; Coley Minnix, Kara Bradshaw, Jordan Rodgers, Marcus Richey, David Rouse, Brodie Bushman. Crown Southwest graduates.



Crown College Southwest Trio
Mark McElreath, Katy McElreath, Shana Brooks, and Tiffany Ashmore are singing in churches throughout the southwest this summer.

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missionaries.*

Things You Should Know

You are invited to the
27th ANNUAL IBFI FALL MEETING

October 12 - 14, 2010

PENSACOLA BAPTIST TEMPLE
Pensacola, Florida
Host Pastor Glen Anderson

More information in the next issue of the *Searchlight*.

**Crown
Southwest**

Fall semester begins

Tuesday
September 7, 2010

Tuition & Books
\$1,000.00

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