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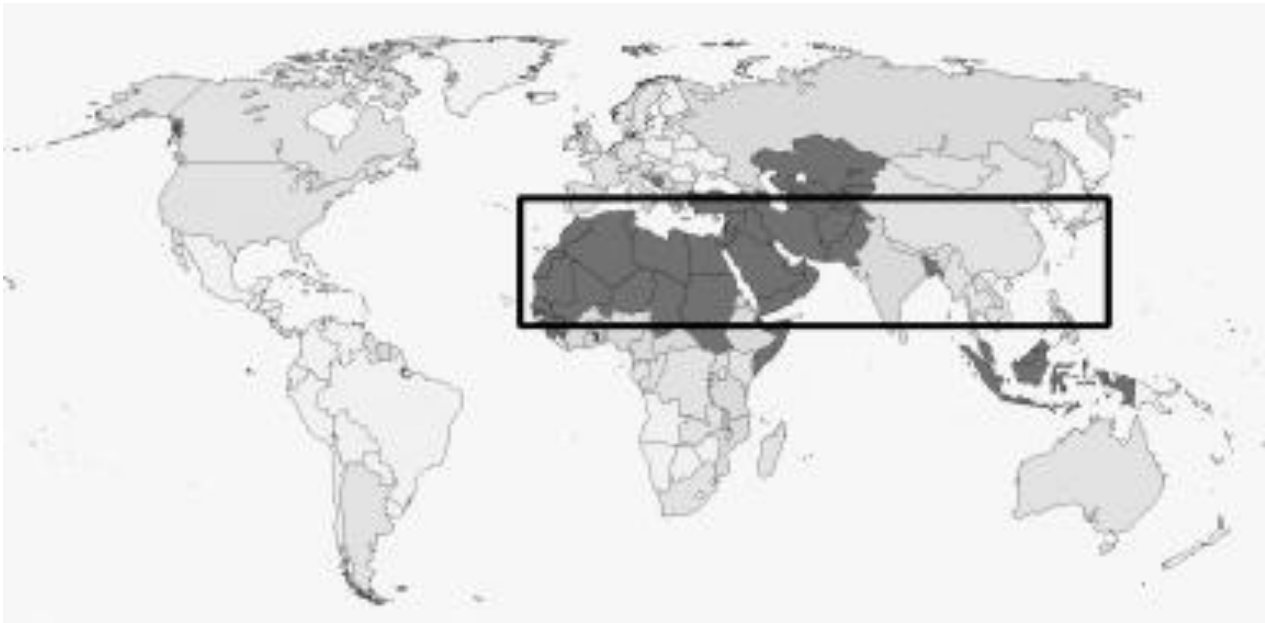
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Luke 24:47

Twenty-Seventh Annual Fall Fellowship Meeting
Pensacola Baptist Temple
Pensacola, Florida

Looking Forward to October Meeting



Dr. Willie Weaver
IBFI President
Pastor Worth Baptist
Church, Ft. Worth

As I am writing this article, it's hot in Texas with triple digit temperatures. That's why I'm already looking forward to fall. Speaking of fall, I would like to remind you of the twenty-seventh ANNUAL FALL

MEETING of the INDEPENDENT BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (IBFI). The meeting is only TWO MONTHS away. The PENSACOLA BAPTIST TEMPLE, Pensacola, Florida, will host our meeting this year. **PASTOR AND MRS. GLEN ANDERSON** and their fine members are rolling out the "RED CARPET" for the IBFI Fall Meeting. Those of you who have attended one of the past IBFI meetings that Pensacola Baptist Temple has hosted know that they do a tremendous job.

We have a great lineup of preachers.

You know that the preaching will be good, OLD-FASHIONED Bible preaching that will encourage, challenge, convict, motivate, instruct, and feed us. The speakers will be **Scott Pickle, Raymond Castro, Don Gregory, Dale Atkins, Jerry Siler, Randy Cotton, Mark Brown, Gene Stokes, Bill Hardin, Troy Todd, A.F. Jernigan, Kevin Knight, Frank Smith, Dr. Raymond Barber and myself.** The music will be good church music that will be uplifting, evangelistic, Biblical, and heart stirring. The church choir will bless us with special music along with the many others who will be singing during the fellowship meeting.

The theme of the meeting has a definite "world evangelism" flavor to it: "THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE." The theme verse: Luke 24:47, ". . . among all nations beginning at Jerusalem."

I'm excited about it. I want to encourage you to PRAY for the meeting. Prayer is so vital to the success of any meeting. PLAN to be there. Don't

miss it. We'll have a great time of fellowship and the reviving of our souls. I've heard the old saying for many years, "you better come apart before you come apart." I think we all know that we need fellowship and encouragement from others of like faith that are standing together for our Lord in a culture that is very indifferent to those who are contending "*for the faith once delivered to the saints.*"

We're looking forward to a good enrollment in all of our schools this coming fall semester. (Wasn't it exciting to see THIRTY-NINE students graduate in May from our schools: Crown Southwest, the Ft. Worth School of the Bible, and the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary?) We have some great students, and God is doing a wonderful work in their lives.

Well, I must close this article and get to other things. We're looking forward to seeing you in PENSACOLA, OCTOBER 12-14, 2010.

May God bless you and your ministry.



Pastor Mark Brown
Alumni President

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. (Proverbs 27:17) The Word of God reminds us in this proverb of the importance of friendship and fellowship. In a very real sense we can have a great impact and influence in the lives and ministries of others. I am thankful for the friends that I have made through the years, many of whom have been a source of encouragement to me. One of the things that I love about our school is the relationships that are established with class-

mates and faculty, as well as previous and recent alumni, relationships that continue through the years.

It was certainly a blessing to see many of those friends at the May Fellowship this past May. There were many former students of the NBBS present at the meeting, and it was exciting to hear how they were doing and what God was doing in their ministries. It is often helpful to know that there are others who are still faithfully serving the Lord, and *earnestly contending for the faith.* Let me encourage the alumni of the NBBS and Crown Southwest to participate in the Alumni Association simply by keeping in touch, and informing us of how God is blessing your ministry. We would love to hear from you. You never know how you could be an encouragement to someone who needs it.

Make plans to attend the Fall Meeting of the IBFI, to be held at the Pensacola Baptist Temple in Pensacola,

Friendship and Fellowship

Florida, where **Bro. Glen Anderson** is Pastor. Bro. Anderson is a graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, and we are looking forward to fellowshiping with him and his dear people. We would love to have a good representation of alumni at the fall meeting. Remember, *iron sharpeneth iron!* We need each other!

We would love to include any events in the ministries of our alumni in future articles of the *Searchlight*. We are interested in your ministries, so please let us know if there is anything that we could pass along that might be of interest.

Please contact me:

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SPEAK SOFTLY, AND NEVER MIND THE BIG STICK



Dr. Raymond Barber

Chancellor, NBBS
Pastor Emeritus,
Worth Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, Texas

The wisdom of Solomon, who wrote three thousand proverbs and composed one thousand five songs (I Kings 4:32), comes through loudly and clearly in the inspired words recorded in Proverbs 15:1-7. Little wonder that men (kings) from all over the earth

came to hear his wisdom as only he could speak (I Kings 4:34).

Solomon tells us the tone in which we should speak, and shows the consequences of speaking harshly (15:1). Words are as sharp as arrows, and a forked tongue deals a fatal blow to those to whom the verbal arrows are directed. To control what one says is to temper one's behavior. (Loose speech is usually accompanied by foul behavior.) He was wise who said, "*Loose lips sink ships.*"

WATCH YOUR WORDS; WEIGH THEM CAREFULLY

It has been observed that the first screw to come loose in the brain is the one that controls the tongue. You should

know that the best way to keep someone from "jumping down your throat" is to keep your mouth shut! Whoever saw a fish on the wall with his mouth shut? Quotable quote: "*Temper often causes a man to speak his mind when he ought to be minding his speech.*"

Don't think you have a dynamic personality just because you go around blowing your stack all the time. In reality, all you are doing is polluting the air. Don't you know that "*he who flies off the handle usually has a rough landing?*" Be careful how you give someone a piece of your mind; you might not have any to spare.

COMMENTARY: PROVERBS 15:1-7

- ◆ Wrath is powerful, but it can be turned away with soft words—verse 1.
- ◆ Foolishness springs forth unbridled from the lips of a fool—verse 2.
- ◆ The all-seeing eyes of the Lord are directed to all parts of the earth, and with His 20/20 vision, He observes the actions of all His creatures—verse 3.
- ◆ The tongue that is free from acidity and bitterness is much like a tree that proudly displays its blossoms—verse 4.

- ◆ A foolish son rejects and despises the instruction of his father, but a wise son adheres to his father's teaching—verse 5.
- ◆ Righteousness cannot be bought, nor can a price be put on godly living—verse 6,
- ◆ The man who possesses wisdom disperses wise words, but the foolish man spews out foolishness—verse 7.

PRACTICAL ADMONITIONS

1. Keep your tongue tamed and your tone soft—verses 1,2.
2. Keep your conduct correct and conversation sweet—verse 3.
3. Keep the tree of your life in full bloom with wholesome fruit—verse 4,
4. Keep the advice of a wise father fresh in your mind—verse 5
5. Keep your house as a depository of prized possessions and your heart as a fountain of Godly wisdom—verses 6,7.

If you will follow the wise counsels contained in these verses, your life will be profitable, peaceful, and productive. If you speak softly and tread quietly, you will procure the favor of God and man. And you will never have to carry a big stick!

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**Host Pastor
Glen Anderson**



A Welcome From Pensacola Baptist Temple

Dear Pastors, Missionaries, and Friends of the IBFI,

Pensacola Baptist Temple is excited about hosting the Annual Fall Fellowship meeting of the IBFI October 12-14. I know that **Dr. Weaver** and the Board have an exciting lineup of speakers, and this will be a meeting you won't want to miss. We are planning to have an old-fashioned fried chicken dinner for lunch on Tuesday and a seafood feast on Wednesday.

The Gulf oil crisis has affected things here in our area and motels are booked due to the influx of workers for the clean-up efforts. We anticipate that the clean-up will be an ongoing effort for years to come. However, that will not hinder our meeting at all. Please come and enjoy a great fellowship meeting.

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

Microtel Inn & Suites
8001 Lavelle Way
850-941-8902
\$49.99 per night

Holiday Inn Express
130 Loblolly Ln.
850-944-8442
\$114.00 per night

Comfort Inn
8690 Pine Forest Rd.
850-476-8989
(Sarah) \$75.99 per night

I would recommend the Microtel Inn & Suites. Their normal rate is \$124.75 per night. They have always treated us well and we have used them for our Missions Conferences and other meetings. We have a block of 20 rooms, each having one or two queen beds. You must make reservations by October 8th to receive this rate, and you must tell them that you are with the Pensacola Baptist Temple group.

All IBFI Missionaries who plan to attend the meeting should contact the church as soon as possible and allow us to make special arrangements for you to stay at no charge for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night.

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

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PROGRAM ARRANGED BY HOST PASTOR & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	TIME	TUESDAY OCTOBER 12	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13	THURSDAY OCTOBER 14
Pensacola Baptist Temple Pensacola, Florida	9:00 - 9:40 A.M.	Dr. Dan Knickerbocker Director of Crown South-west/Norris Seminary Fort Worth, Texas	Dr. Randy Cotton Trinity Baptist Church Big Spring, Texas	Dr. Gene Stokes Pastor Emeritus Faith Bible Baptist Church Century, Florida
	9:40-10:25A.M.	Pastor Raymond Castro Hickory Creek Baptist Church Denton, Texas	Pastor Mark Brown Maranatha Baptist Church Columbus, Georgia	Pastor Bill Hardin McPherson Road Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas
Glen Anderson Host Pastor Phone: 850-455-5000	10:25-11:10A.M.	Dr. Don Gregory Pastor Emeritus Faith Baptist Church Dearborn Heights, Michigan	The President's Hour Dr. Willie Weaver Worth Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas General Assembly Special Offering Business Session	Pastor Troy Todd Former Pastor (37 yrs) Vandalia Baptist Temple Vandalia, Ohio
	11:10-12:00 Noon	Dr. Dale Adkins Mansfield Baptist Temple Mansfield, Ohio		Dr. A. F. Jernigan Pastor Emeritus Lakeland Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas
President Dr. Willie Weaver Vice-President Jim Pointer Secretary Dr. Terry Riggsby Mission Director John Peeples	LUNCH			Offering Goal \$40,000
	1:30 P.M.	LADIES MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	FREE TIME	
	7:00 P.M.	Frank Smith Missionary to Great Britain Dr. Jerry Siler Cornerstone Baptist Temple Dayton, Ohio	Kevin Knight Missionary to Military Dr. Raymond Barber Chancellor Norris Seminary President Emeritus IBFI Pastor Emeritus Worth Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas	

UNFADED GLORY



Bro. John Peeples
IBFI
Mission Director

The heavens declare the glory of God Psalm 19:1 Have you ever stood in awe on a moonless night, looking to the heavens while the stars seemed to jump out at you? A pair of binoculars increases our view, but even with the most powerful telescope, we cannot find the end of God's creation. The magnitude and majesty of creation is a constant testimony to His eternal glory and unlimited power. Both night and day declare, "God is great and his Glory is endless."

And yet, a strange thing happens when the artificial light of civilization drowns out the glory of the stars. While the stars remain unchanged in their place, they are obscured from our sight and their glory no longer inspires us. A street light nearby will render us blind to the visual declaration of all the stars of heaven. Though the street light is nothing when compared to the mighty stars, it is much closer and can have a bigger impact on our life.

As the glory of this world reduces our perception of the stars, it also has great power to reduce our thoughts of God and His Word. The lights of our cities have dazzled multitudes. Skyscrapers fill the horizon, electronic wonders fill our thoughts, and our ways are illuminated by countless artificial lights.

How long has it been since you noticed the stars or pondered their declaration? Just as it is necessary to get away from the city lights in order to behold the stars, it is necessary for us take our eyes off of "the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them" if we will fill our thoughts with God's Word and the eternal promises in Jesus Christ. We can see the glory of one, but not both. "No man can serve two masters."

In Jesus Christ, we have a more sure declaration of the glory of God. Jesus is the "True Light" and His light is for "every man that cometh into the world." We live in a world of temporary glory, but in Jesus Christ we have access to eternal glory. Contrary to how it seems, in all of God's creation it is mankind that will continue in eternity. Listen to God's advice found in Isaiah 51:6, *Lift up your eyes to the*

heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

The promises of Christ's glory in Scripture are fabulous beyond imagination, and there is so much more yet to be revealed. Now that is something to live your life for! While we see it now by faith, God's glory is the brightest thing that will ever exist and it will never fade. The Apostle Peter who described himself as *a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed* tells us to *Feed the flock of God*. Then he gives us this promise; *and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away*. Daniel 12:3 also encourages us to dedicate our lives to the furtherance of the Gospel with these words. *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

What glory reflects in your eyes?



Frank and Amanda Smith

Currently on deputation to the field of Great Britain.

You can contact Frank at 817-729-3535

Their sending church is Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

We currently have the following missionaries on furlough:

Ron & Kathy Valerio - Dominican Republic - through April 2011

Contact phone: 817-768-7554

Sending church - Victory Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas

Harold Priday - Honduras - through October 2010

Sending church - Victory Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas

Darrain & Mari Coker - Mexico - August 2010 - August 2011

Contact phone: 817-944-4483

Sending church - Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

For additional information about scheduling missionaries for a meeting in your church, please contact the IBFI mission office at 817-367-3422

What an Amazing Summer at Lake Texoma Baptist Youth Camp!



Evangelist & Mrs.
Dan Knickerbocker

Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it!

The Lord laid this camp on **Pastor Sexton's** heart and it has now become a reality! We have just finished our first summer at **Lake Texoma Baptist Youth Camp** in Pottsboro, Texas! This camp was given to us by the Red River B.B.F.!

They had over fifty years of summer camp with hundreds saved and called into the ministry. We are seeking to continue this great heritage and are honored to host camp in the summer as well as have a conference ministry! We want to have Preachers' Conferences, Men's and Ladies' Conferences, Father/Son outings, fishing camp, and ultimately couples' retreats.

Our staff has done such a great job! These students have worked very hard and have seen God give some amazing results!

We have had 1089 campers attend in six weeks! We had over 81 young people saved and 45 called into full-time service. The preaching was powerful! The music was Christ-honoring! The skits were hilarious and the memory verses were many. The food was delicious! We had a hayride and bonfire on Thursday with a time of testifying from the teens. There were tears of joy and a great appreciation for those that made a difference in their lives. It was topped off by fireworks!

A special thanks to the Red River churches who hosted Junior and Senior camp! Trinity Baptist Church of Arlington, led by Todd Lasseter, hosted a senior camp with a group of churches. The Crown College of Powell, Tennessee, and Crown Southwest of Fort Worth, Texas, hosted one junior week and two senior weeks. We saw God stir some hearts, and I believe some teens went home revived.

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We would love for you to prayerfully consider coming to Crown Southwest. If you have any questions call me at 817-575-7360!

Thank you for your support,

Dr. Dan Knickerbocker
Director



Please pray for the many decisions that were made at camp this summer.

Please pray for our students and faculty as we begin our fourth year here at Crown Southwest-Norris Seminary.



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