

**DANIEL COATES FAMILY
MISSIONARIES IN GUATEMALA**

*John Peeples,
IBFI Mission Director*



We are thankful to have such a strong church planting presence in the country of Guatemala. The two missionary families featured below have a combined total of 65 years of ministry for Christ in Guatemala. Please keep them and their ministries in your prayers.



Greetings from the great state of Texas! We are "home" for a furlough, which will last through November 2018. Before leaving Guatemala we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Church in La Esperanza. There was also a baptismal service, when nine believers were baptized. Nineteen more were saved the next week! The Mission near the Coast is also doing well. We had an open-air meeting there recently and saw four souls saved. Praise the Lord for continuing to bless the work in Guatemala! We are privileged to have a part.



Our trip driving through Mexico to the States was an adventure for sure, and we were privileged to preach and sing at a Family Conference in Tapachula, Mexico. On our way up we also visited missionary friends in Puebla, went out soul-winning with them, and enjoyed fellowship. Then we stayed the weekend with the Coker family in San Miguel de Allende, preaching to and getting reacquainted with the dear people of that church. Our trip was not without trials and difficulties, but the Lord blessed us and guided us safely to Texas.

We are also scheduling appointments to report to our supporters and prayer partners, and will be in touch. Thank you for all your help, prayers, and support. We appreciate you all and pray for you, too.

- Daniel Coates & Family



FLO MARTIN: MISSIONARY SINCE 1959



Frank and Flo Martin have been missionaries since 1959. They were in Costa Rica from 1959 until 1969 and then went to Guatemala and served there until Frank's death in 2003. Flo continued to live and faithful serve there after her husband's passing. She is 89 years old and continues to serve in limited capacity due to her declining health. Below is an update on Flo from her daughter Patty.

Mom is doing well. It's unexplainable; I can only say that it is a miracle. She is taking heart medication. She moves around in her wheelchair. Her vital signs have been normal. We make sure she has what she needs.

She is a happy, beautiful woman. She tells everybody that she is a missionary. She knows her Bible very well and prays as always. God has been so good and faithful! She is loved!

- Patty Ajanel

*Merry
Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



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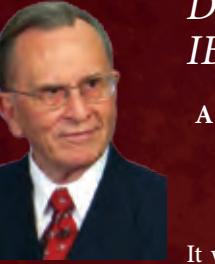
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J. FRANK NORRIS-A MAN AMONG MEN

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



A MEMORIAL TO DR. J. FRANK NORRIS
(Continued from last issue)

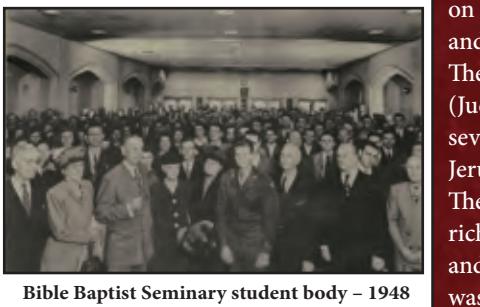
PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS

It was my privilege to sit at the feet of the great preacher, Dr. J. Frank Norris, not only as a student in the Bible Baptist Seminary, housed at that time (1950-1952) in the facilities of the historic First Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, but also as a member of this church.

In the Seminary chapel services, we Bible school students heard the "Man Among Men" lecture on any given book of the Bible, especially the prophecy books, namely Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel. Without notes, Dr. Norris would take us through these books naming all the kings, the prophecies of the end times, listing dates and events such as the captivities of the Northern Kingdom (Israel, the ten tribes) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah, the two tribes),

Who could forget how Dr. Norris discoursed on the lives and times of Tiglath-pileser, Shalmaneser, Sennacherib, Sargon, and Nebuchadnezzar? Graphic were his descriptions of the Assyrian Captivity of the Northern Kingdom under Shalmaneser V and Sargon II in 721 B.C. (a captivity from which Israel never returned). He lectured also on the Babylonian Captivity of the Southern Kingdom under Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B.C., 597 B.C., and 586 B.C., at which time Jerusalem was destroyed, the Temple of Solomon was burned, and the people were taken to Babylon on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

The Southern Kingdom (Judah) returned after seventy years to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. These lectures provided rich history from the heart and lips of the man who was used of God to expose



Bible Baptist Seminary student body - 1948

liberalism among Baptists, not only in the south, but across America.

MISCELLANEOUS RECOLLECTIONS

Saved at age thirteen, Norris was later baptized by Rev. Catlett Smith, who prayed this prayer over him:

"Dear Lord, take him, break him, and make him"

Dr. Norris' response many years later was, "I didn't mind the taking and the making, but I was not willing for the breaking." At age fifteen, Norris was shot by cattle thieves while he was trying to protect his alcoholic father. Soon afterward, he was given up by his doctor to die. BUT GOD (one of his favorite sayings) answered his mother's prayers.

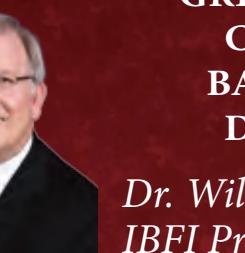
Near the close of his life, the man of "velvet and steel" said:

*"If I could roll back the years,
I would pray more;*

*I would study my Bible more,
and I would win more souls to Jesus Christ."*

At the time Norris said this, he was pastoring two great churches: the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. He was also editing a weekly paper, the *Fundamentalist*, building a great school, the Bible Baptist Seminary, and traveling across America and to many parts of the world preaching the gospel.

(To be continued in the next issue)



GREAT MEETING AT CORNERSTONE BAPTIST TEMPLE DAYTON, OHIO

*Dr. Willie Weaver,
IBFI President*

GREAT HOSTS

Dr. Jerry Siler and Cornerstone Baptist Temple were great hosts to the Independent Baptist Fellowship, International (IBFI). He and the members of Cornerstone rolled out the red carpet for us. His staff was so gracious and helpful in every way. The meals were outstanding and the choirs and the special music were such a blessing. They are to be commended for doing such a wonderful, first class job. Thank you Dr. Siler and Cornerstone Baptist Church!

GREAT PREACHING

The preaching was excellent, good old fashioned Bible preaching. The preaching of God's Word always challenges us and meets our needs. Thanks to all the preachers for preaching to us.

GREAT OFFERING

The offering total as of this article is \$34,670. Our goal was set at \$35,000 and I'm sure when we get the final total it will go over the \$35,000 mark.

GREAT FUTURE

Praise the Lord! It was a great Fall meeting. God's hand was truly on it. The IBFI and its ministries (Missions Agency, Norris Bible Baptist Seminary and the Searchlight) are healthy. We are "On A Mission" and fulfilling it. Let me encourage you to make plans now to join us in the May meeting of the IBFI in Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting will be held at the Raymond W. Barber Conference Center. The dates are Monday, May 20 - Thursday, May 23, 2019. Give it a priority on your Calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

IBF Metroplex Meetings

Thurs. Dec. 20, 2018
Worth Baptist Church
Fort Worth, Texas
Host Pastor Tyler Gillit

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*"we have seen
His star in the east"
Matthew 2:2*

A GREAT WEEK! A GREAT SEMESTER! A GREAT SEASON!

*Jonathan J. Stewart,
NBBS President*

A GREAT WEEK (IN OHIO AND TEXAS)!

While I was up north for the 35th Semi-Annual IBFI Meeting October 9-11, 2018, hosted by the historic Cornerstone Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, was conducting the Week of Concentrated Study, as it does once every semester.

Pastor Jerry Siler of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, his staff, and church members, ministered to all present beyond what could rightly be expected. The spirit of the church and her staff was warm and readily helpful all week. The music that the church presented in various formats was all very uplifting and substantive in message.

The meals provided daily at lunch time were exceptionally good and of great variety. The preaching by the "fathers of the IBFI movement" (the "Pauls"), as well as by the Tituses and Timothys,

along the theme of "On A Mission!" was right on track in content, tone and focus. NBBS alumni were a major part of the program.

The offering goal of \$35,000.00 (in keeping with our 35th year and in view of the current operational expenses of IBFI ministries), which I am sure will be met by the time you read this Searchlight edition!

Bro. Andrew Johnson, Music Director at Worth Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas, and a PCC graduate with a Pastoral Ministry minor, as well as a longstanding faculty member of NBBS, did an outstanding job presenting the study of the great hymns of the faith as an indispensable part of our heritage. Students communicated to me throughout the week how much they enjoyed his teaching. From handouts, to lectures supported by video presentations, and actually singing some of the great hymns as a large choir, he more than accomplished our objectives for the week.



II Corinthians 9:15

A GREAT SEMESTER (AS WELL AS THE PAST FOUR YEARS)!

The spirit of the student body continues to be high. We ended up enrolling 61 students for the fall semester, which ties the highest number in the 35 year history the school, and we have several new prospective students (as well as those who attended in the recent past) for the spring semester. God continues to bless in every area of the seminary's operation. Funds continue to come in for the remaining special projects that will complete our four-year effort to get the facilities fundamentally back to their proper condition. We will very soon be able to replace the old heating and A/C system on the school side, as we are within \$3,500 of the needed funds.



SEMESTER UPDATE Terry Rigginsby, NBBS Field Representative

IBFI FELLOWSHIP MEETING

We have almost completed the fall semester at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. The semester has gone well and students have a great attitude towards learning the Bible and serving the Lord. Faculty and student body looked forward to the Week of Concentrated Study, featuring Dr. Carl Baugh. He taught on the theme of, "Creation Model versus the Evolution Model."

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH - LANCASTER, OHIO

I had the privilege of presenting the NBBS ministry to my home church, Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, on Sunday, July 30. Worth Baptist has been the "mother" church since the inception of the Independent Baptist Fellowship International, and the Seminary, in 1984. Under the leadership of Dr. Raymond W. Barber, Dr. Willie W. Weaver, and our current pastor, Tyler Gillit, Worth Baptist Church has led the way in praying, giving, and supporting the IBFI and NBBS for over 33 years. Recently, Bro. Stewart, president of NBBS, updated Worth Baptist Church on the programs and philosophy of the seminary. A love offering was taken up for the seminary. A special thanks to Worth Baptist Church!

I am still available to come and present the ministry of NBBS. Please feel free to contact me at 817-648-1859 if I can be of help.



PREACH THE WORD! Glen Anderson, Alumni President

The Apostle Paul said to Timothy, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." II Timothy 4:1-4

We are living in just such a time. We are faced today with people who do not want to hear sound doctrine and so they seek out those who will tickle their ears and tell them lies to make them feel good about their sin. A friend recently shared an experience he had with me concerning a church he visited. After the service he approached the pastor and asked, "Do you all ever sing any of the hymns?" He said the pastor looked at him and rolled his eyes as he replied, "Man I grew up listening to AC/DC. Those old hymns bore me and put me to sleep."

In the last five years I have heard many preachers make this statement, "You have to give people what they want today, or they won't come to church." Here are a couple of examples of that philosophy. There is a church in our area that put on their sign, "NOW SERVING SPICED PUMPKIN COMMUNION!" Another church had on their sign, "TODAY, BEER and BRATS." That is not sound doctrine! Not Bible Doctrine anyway.

I thank God that He led me to Norris Bible Baptist Seminary where I was taught to, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." I was taught the Bible by men who were pastoring or had pastored for years. "PREACHERS TRAINING PREACHERS" to anyone who feels the call of God to "PREACH THE WORD" young and old alike.

