

HELP FOR HONDURAS

THE YOUNG FAMILY – MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF HONDURAS



John Peeples,
IBFI Mission Director

NBBS Graduate
J.D. Young and Family



We are excited to feature the Jimmie (J.D.) Young Family, missionaries to Honduras. Our newest IBFI missionaries, approved at the IBFI October Fellowship meeting. They are sent out of the Lighthouse Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Texas, pastor David Grice. They are currently on deputation to raise their financial and prayer support, and are anxious to be on the field. J.D. and Vanessa have four children: Jimmie (D), 11 yrs.; Elijah, 7 yrs.; Millie, 5 yrs.; and Laia, 2 yrs. J.D. is a 2016 graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. Please pray for them and prayerfully consider supporting their ministry.

“COME OVER...AND HELP US.” – ACTS 16:9

Greetings Churches and Friends,

It has been a whirlwind year so far. After returning from Honduras in March and confirming God's call to minister to the People of Honduras, we were voted on by our church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, in April to become official missionaries. The ministry has been named "Help for Honduras." Our key verse comes from Acts 16:9, where it is written "Come over ... and help us." We believe men and women of Honduras have been praying much like the Macedonian man for a Gospel witness to "come over and help" them out of their lost condition, through sharing the Light of the Gospel only found in the Scriptures.



We have been busy laying the groundwork for deputation. We finished gathering all the supplies we needed such as prayer cards, banners, and display table items. Our Deputation Presentation video has been completed as well. We then started booking meetings at various churches to share our ministry. In October, I traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for the Independent Baptist Fellowship International meeting, where they added their stamp of approval for our ministry. I look forward to return to Ohio, in March, to present our ministry to Cornerstone Baptist Temple.

We have been in nine different churches this last month, and have had the opportunity to meet many fellow believers from those churches. Our schedule is beginning to fill up with many meetings coming up this coming spring. We look forward to traveling and meeting many more churches over the next several months. Pastors, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like our family to come and share our burden for the Honduran People. We would love to share our ministry with your church family.



In Christ,

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“Go ye into all the world...” Matthew 28:18-20

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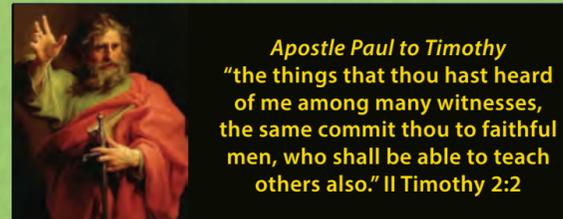
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J. FRANK NORRIS: A MAN AMONG MEN A MEMORIAL TO DR. NORRIS PART FOUR IN A SERIES



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

Volumes have been written, and many more volumes could be written about the colorful, complicated, controversial man of velvet and steel, Dr. John Franklin Norris (1897-1952). His ministry, life, and accomplishments have cast a lengthening shadow out of the twentieth century, and into the twenty-first century.

His legacy lives on in the hearts of those of us who knew him personally—those of us who sat at his feet as seminary students and as members of the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. We were (and still are) wowed and amazed at his thorough knowledge of God's Word, as well as his ever-impressive acquaintance with world leaders and international events covering the more than fifty years of his world-wide ministry and global travels.

A FAVORITE TEXT

One of the great preacher's best-loved texts was Proverbs 21:1: *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as rivers of water: he turneth it withersoever he will."*

Dr. Norris saw the truth of this verse demonstrated scores of times. For example, the Temple Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan (which he pastored for fifteen years, 1935-1950, while also pastoring the First Baptist Church, Fort Worth) wanted to use a huge lot on Oakman Boulevard for a city-wide revival tent meeting in 1935. The lot was already rented to a circus. Dr. Norris appealed to Colonel Robert Oakman, who had served three times as Mayor of Detroit. Colonel Oakman granted Dr. Norris use of the lot free of charge for the entire summer! Huge crowds attended those tent revival meetings where Dr. Norris preached, and hundreds trusted Christ as Saviour.

NATION-WIDE AND WORLD-WIDE EXTENT OF NORRIS' MINISTRY

The ministry of the twentieth century's foremost Fundamentalist was not confined to Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and the State of Texas. Dr. Norris preached in leading cities across America such as New York City, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, and Los Angeles, to name a few. He crisscrossed the world preaching in Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Greece, Italy, Germany, Scotland, England, Canada, Mexico, China, France, Ireland, Iraq, and Iran.

AN IMPRESSIVE POTPOURRI

- Met not only with Winston Churchill, Prime-Minister of Great Britain, but also with the Mayor of London, Pope Pious XIII, and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.
- Preached to great crowds in Berlin, Germany.
- Preached to 40,000 people in an open-air meeting in Detroit and to 25,000 in a ball park in Fort Worth.
- Preached 120 tent meetings and 70 open-air meetings in Fort Worth.
- Instrumental in closing down Hell's Half Acre in Fort Worth and Top' of Hill Terrace in Arlington, famous gambling places in Tarrant County, Texas.
- Led the way in outlawing racetrack gambling in Texas.
- Exposed evolution in Baylor University, his alma mater, which resulted in the resignation of the president of the college and the dismissal of eight professors.
- Made two around-the-world trips with Mrs. Norris, paid for by the Ford Motor Company.
- Visited the Holy Land five times and numerous other foreign countries. The Chrysler Corporation furnished automobiles for him to drive in all his travels abroad.
- On one of his five-week tours of the Holy Land, he became homesick after the first two weeks. His Fort Worth friend, Amon Carter, Sr., principle owner of the American Airlines, chartered him a flight from Tel Aviv, Israel, to Fort Worth, Texas.
- Influenced his personal friend, the vice-president of the Chrysler Corporation to place two 1945 Plymouth automobiles on a showroom floor in Danville, Virginia, earmarked Dr. R. J. Barber, Sr.—a blue and a black one. Dad chose the blue one. (During the war years, there had not been a new car on a car dealer's floor for nearly a year.)

We of the Independent Baptist Fellowship International and the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary are eternally grateful for what our predecessor left us. And there is more to come!

(To be continued in next Searchlight issue)



*Dr. Willie Weaver,
IBFI President*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I am looking forward to the challenges of 2019 as I am sure you are. Here are some things that will help us have a "victorious" and "spiritually successful" new year. In Genesis we read about the story of Joseph.

This is the story of one of my favorite Bible characters. To say the least, he had many challenges in his lifetime, but was victorious and successful.

BE RESOURCEFUL IN YOUR DREAMS (GEN. 35:5-11)

God gave Joseph dreams. We might refer to them in our lives as goals or visions that God has given us. In Joseph's life they all came true. Have a confident trust in God's will for your life and ministry, and follow your "dreams." God can make them come true.

BE RESILIENT IN DIFFICULTIES (GEN. 39:1-4)

Do not quit if you know God is leading you. Joseph became a slave. Could he keep the dream (vision) alive? We see that God prospered Joseph. Because of God, every bad thing can lead to a good thing (Romans 8:28).

BE RESISTANT IN YOUR DESIRES (GEN. 39:6)

Do not listen to Satan. He will try to tempt you with a "besetting sin." Do not let him make you discouraged, fearful or depressed. Fight Satan's attack with the Sword of the Lord. Satan will try to ruin your life.

BE RESOLUTE IN OUR DISAPPOINTMENTS (GEN. 39:20-23)

Some scholars believe that Joseph was now about 28 years of age. He was somewhere around 17 years old when he interpreted the dreams of the butler and baker. The butler was supposed to speak to Pharaoh for Joseph, but he did not. Eleven years had passed before the butler remembered the dream and mentioned it to Pharaoh. I imagine Joseph was disappointed. Remember delays are not denials.

BE RESPONSIBLE IN YOUR DUTIES (GEN. 41:37-40)

As he waited on God's plan, Joseph kept working and fulfilling his duties in prison. He served responsibly in difficult circumstances. Joseph then had the opportunity to interpret Pharaoh's dream, and told him about the seven years of famine. Now he is approximately 30 years old and the second most powerful man in the kingdom. Continue your duties and God, in His time will give the results He wants.

BE RESTRAINED IN OUR RESOLUTION (GEN. 45:1-11)

Joseph had a little fun playing with his brothers, but he forgave them. Joseph is a type of Christ. He was born, betrayed, bound, and tempted (no sin). He served, was raised from the dead victoriously, and he forgave. We should forgive others.

OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL!

I pray that you will have a great and successful 2019. Pray for the IBFI and its ministries that we will have another great year.

We look forward to the 35th Annual IBFI May meeting, May 20-23, Monday evening through Thursday noon. Please plan on joining us for this milestone event. The next issue of the Searchlight will have the details.

WE ARE MIDWAY THROUGH OUR 35TH YEAR! OUR 70TH SEMESTER IS UNDERWAY!



*Jonathan J. Stewart,
NBBS President*

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our annual practice of combining the first day of school with the hosting of the IBF Metro-Area Preacher's Fellowship was another great success. We still call it the Opening Day Rally, and what better way to "rally around the cause" than through the gathering of the student body, faculty, friends, and supporting pastors for preaching, hymn singing, and fellowship?

Bro. Kenneth Ralph, set to graduate in May 2019, preached the first message. He is the youth director at First Baptist Church of Cottdale, in Paradise, Texas, where Charles Pugh is the pastor. He brought a great message from the Book of Ruth. He drew upon Ruth's life, to point out God's way in our lives from various perspectives.

Dr. Willie Weaver, IBFI President, preached the next message using several passages in Nehemiah. He accentuated our theme for this year – as a school and as a fellowship – of being "On a Mission." Among many reinforcing statements and key points that he made, he reiterated again our commitment to carrying out Paul's charge to Timothy as given in II Timothy 2:2. He stressed the very purposed objective and design of the NBBS, and how it makes us vitally unique and therefore very much needed. He referenced how Charles Haddon Spurgeon held the enrollment of his preacher training school (The Pastor's College), to 100 in order that due attention might be given to each student.

Dr. Raymond W. Barber, our Chancellor and the one who spearheaded the establishment of NBBS and the IBFI, 35 years ago, delivered the third sermon. He further undergirded the relevance of the "how and why" of NBBS being what it is – a preacher training center. He emphasized the absolute indispensable place of the Word of God to the school's program. How it is not only the basis to what we are doing, but that it is not only our core curriculum, it is our curriculum. The result is Christ is paramount in all aspects of the seminary's program, Biblical content and doctrine are in the forefront, and the practical is innately conveyed through a faculty made up of preachers and their wives. Even so, there are 14 practical classes on church ministry and living the Christian life.

In short, Bro. Ralph exemplified what NBBS is; Dr. Weaver explained why NBBS is what it is; and Dr. Barber exhorted us to maintain our fidelity to the Word of God and what we set out to do from day one!

Pastor Charles Pugh, of the First Baptist Church of Cottdale, in Paradise, Texas, as the moderator of the IBF Metro Fellowship, underscored all of the above. He also, in view of what the congregation had seen and heard, encouraged them to do what they could to financially undergird the school by way of an offering. The result was some \$3,000 was given to the school. Consequently, a new refrigerator and needed fixtures that are a part of the upstairs remodeling of the dorm were paid for, as was a very needed additional outside security light for the building that houses both the school and the offices of the fellowship ministries. Even the cost of the luncheon was covered.

ADDITIONAL DORMITORY REMODELING

Another wonderful recent development is James and Diane Chambers serving briefly as dorm parents while he finishes up his bachelor's degree at NBBS. He has not only done some minor repairs "here and there" on the dormitory house, but he has remodeled the upstairs (two rooms and a restroom). Evangelist Lee Davis, one of our students, who is also a plumber, did the necessary plumbing work. A couple of the resident students assisted Bro. Chambers with the last stages of the project.

STUDENT BODY'S GRATITUDE

The students rejoiced throughout the first week of school when they heard what God did during Christmas break, as well as what He did at the Opening Day Rally. The break between the semesters was graced by several churches sending in special offerings to the school. This, in conjunction with the blessings of Opening Day Rally, got us off to another great start to a semester. Then, after the first week of school, in the annual IBFI Board Meeting in January conducted on the campus of the school, \$3,000.00 was pledged by board member pastors toward the remaining amount that was needed to finish the fund raising begun late last year for the new A/C & heating system! We now have the \$18,300.00-plus that was needed! We were able to share this good news with the students the second week of school!



Needless to say we are off to another exciting start to a semester! We have new students in the student body this semester, as well as some returning students who attended in the recent past. The dormitory house has accommodations for eight students and living quarters upstairs for the dorm parents. For this semester, it is two students away from being at capacity. The students continue to see God at work in various ways at the seminary. The four-plus years that have followed the reaffirming of our mission as a school have been amazing.

Plan now to be with us this May, for the annual fellowship meeting. Your presence will mean a lot to the students and especially to the graduates. So many preachers and churches have done so much of late to not only undergird the school, but to greatly enhance its program and facilities. Come and see what your prayers and funding is producing.

*Thank you for your steady prayers, support,
and involvement in one form or another.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ALUMNI NEWS

Glen Anderson, Alumni President



Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Happy New Year! God is truly working out His purpose in His time concerning Norris Seminary. We saw many blessings in 2018. Student enrollment was up and so was the spirit and excitement. Many improvements have been made to the facilities and dorm. Alumni involvement continues to grow. It is such a great joy to see so many of our alumni actively involved in our school and fellowship. I know of no other seminary like Norris Seminary.

I am ever so thankful for the training and instruction I received at the NBBS, and I am thrilled there is still a school where preachers that have stood by the staff are training preachers to stand by the staff. NBBS is a preacher training school where preachers of today are training the preachers of tomorrow. I pray that we never lose sight of the fact that WE ARE ON A MISSION!

Our May fellowship meeting of the IBFI will be here before we know it. I want to encourage all alumni to put forth a special effort to attend the meeting this year. Fellowship is vital to all of us and it is something we all need. Fellowship is biblical, practical and profitable, so let's fellowship together. See you May 20 - 23 at the May Fellowship meeting, come help celebrate the IBFI's 35th Anniversary!!

If any of our alumni have any news to share please let me know so we can publish it in the next issue of the Searchlight. My email is pastor@pbtinfo.org.

ALL ENDS WELL

Terry Riggsby, NBBS Field Representative



FALL SEMESTER ENDS WELL

After completing the end of the fall semester at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, I am happy to report that my class, Life Skills, began with twelve students, six men and six women, and all of them have completed the course with no drop-outs!! In my estimation, having been here for 34 years, this has been one of the best semesters at NBBS.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH – LANCASTER, OHIO

It was my privilege to preach at the Bible Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio, in celebration of their 42nd Anniversary. Bible Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio, is pastored by my dear friend, Pastor Roy Maple, who began the work in 1976. Bro. Maple, his wife Lana, and my wife and I were all saved at the Dayton Baptist Temple, now Cornerstone Baptist, in 1965. Bro. and Mrs. Maple went to the Bible Baptist Seminary in Arlington, Texas, got their training, and returned to start a work in New Carlisle, Ohio, and then were called to Lancaster. I am happy to report that the church has not changed over the years. They are still soul-winning, preaching the gospel, and staying true to God's Word, the King James Version!

I am still available to come and present the ministry of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. You can contact me at 817-648-1859.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IBFI National Spring Meeting

Monday – Thursday
May 20-23, 2019
Raymond W. Barber Conference Center
Fort Worth, Texas

Full details will be at the IBFI website www.ibfi.us

IBF of Texas and the Great Southwest

Monday and Tuesday
March 18-19, 2019
Countryside Baptist Church
Mansfield, Texas
Host Pastor – Claude Sutton
Contact Bro. Sutton for more information, 817-477-3789
or Bro. David Grice, 214-315-5422
A GREAT lineup of preachers, food and fellowship. Be prepared to be Blessed!

Metroplex Area IBF

February 21, 2019
Lighthouse Baptist Church
Grand Prairie, Texas
Host Pastor – David Grice
Contact Bro. Grice for more information,
972-264-5422

March 21, 2019
Hickory Creek Baptist Church
Denton, TX
Host Pastor – Raymond Castro
Contact Bro. Castor for more information, 940-484-2091

April 18, 2019
Santa Fe Baptist Church
Weatherford, TX
Host Pastor – Tony Thomas
Contact Bro. Thomas for more information, 817-475-1370