



John Peebles,  
IBFI Mission Director  
Psalm 16:1

The world that we live in is changing rapidly, and the past two years have brought unforeseen circumstances. Some areas, like Texas, have been moving back to normal for some time, while others are just now lifting restrictions. Shirley and I recently had mild cases of COVID; we are back to work and back to normal with the exception of the loss sense of smell.

I plan to attend a funeral this weekend, and am reminded that others have vastly different outcomes. Most of our missionaries live in areas where restrictions have been in force until recently. As I read the two letters below, I am encouraged to hear of souls saved, people baptized, preachers fellowships resuming, Christians surrendering to God's call, and vacation Bible schools being held. Praise the Lord! I am also reminded that it is infinitely worse to die without Christ, than it is to die with COVID, and be with the Lord. Eternity awaits both for the saved and the lost. While we have breath, let us serve the Lord fully!

## SMOKE SIGNALS...FROM THE MCKINNEYS

**"HOW", ... (if you watch old westerns)** The Apostle Paul said, "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and How shall they hear without a preacher?" Always a reminder to us that if we take care of the How, and we keep up the planting and the watering, God will give the increase.

**In July...**We had a great time with the VBS and had a good response with the kids and really generated interested in the community. The group helping with VBS wanted to have Native Food night, so some of our ladies prepared their tribal specialties. It was a special time and then we got to speak to the 75 workers that were doing VBS and the counselors told me the next day, four couples inquired about becoming Missionaries. I did not get totals on the VBS yet, but the Lord knows.

**In August...**We had a young lady of 17 years come to the Lord Jesus. We had asked you to pray for Thomas, who is 15, but his sister Maggie was saved. All that means is keep praying for Thomas and pray for Maggie's growth in the Lord.

**In September...**We had fall revival services with Evangelist Mike Feilder from Alabama. We had some folks around the altar to get right with the Lord but also some to just get things in the right order. Priorities make for a good revival! We did see one lady who is 54 make a profession to trust in Jesus. Keep Margo in your prayers for growing grace. The Feilder family are servants to be recommended to other churches as they travel across the country doing ministry!

We are looking forward to a good fall as it leads into winter months and we prepare even for those days ahead. As I said before, keep planting and watering and God will give the increase.



Thanks for all your prayers and contributions to carry the ministry the Lord has called us to be faithful in doing. Jesus said, "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Thanks for the prayers you pray, for the Lord to keep us healthy. Someone told me the other day that we looked pretty healthy, so I said, Yes, Regina is pretty and I am healthy."---The Lord bless you folks!

In His Care,  
Larry G. McKinney

## DANIEL COATES FAMILY MISSIONARIES NEW LIFE THIS SPRING



We saw three young men baptized into the Iglesia Bautista La Esperanza this Spring. The older two come on their own, and the younger boy comes on our bus route. Please be in prayer for Steve, Carlos, and Adrian, that they will remain faithful and encouraged in the Lord, while many voices are telling them to quit.

We are rejoicing to once again be able to meet with our fellow Pastors. It had been over a year since we could come together to pray, praise, and plan the Lord's work with like-minded men of God. In March we met together in Pastor Robin's home down on the coast, and in May we plan to meet at our own church building in La Esperanza. We also had the pleasure of hosting fellow missionary Daniel Wilder and Family in our home and took an excursion to climb the volcano Santa Maria, which is about 14,000 feet in elevation. Their visit was a great time of fellowship, but the climb was exhausting, and not everyone made it to the top. We were reminded that only by endurance and patient perseverance can we obtain the goals set before us. If you want to make a spiritual application, then add to those a good measure of God's grace, Christ in us, and the joy of the Lord, which is our strength! We are thankful that we do not labor alone.



We are also excited to announce that our second eldest daughter, Jillian, is engaged. Jillian and Milton plan to be married here in Guatemala, the 28 of November, 2021. Milton has been serving at our church for some time now, helping with bus routes and doing most of the photography for all the church activities.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.  
Daniel & Tammy Coates

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A New Semester is on the Horizon!

Come Join Us!

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## INFORMED ANSWERS TO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

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

Psalm 24, one of sixteen Messianic Psalms, lends itself to the asking of important questions, while at the same time providing informed answers. The psalmist paints a word picture of the **Chief Shepherd**. The key word is “**crown**,” and a New Testament

reference is I Peter 5:4: “*And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*”

### QUESTION NUMBER ONE: “WHO OWNS THE WORLD?”

The answer is found in verses 1,2: “*The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*”

God’s ownership is by virtue of creation. He is the architect, the designer, and the creator (Genesis 1:1). Don’t ask God for His I.D. or His credentials. Don’t ask Him to repeat Himself or present His passport or password. They are written everywhere (Psalm 19:1,2). It has been observed that the heavenly bodies are God’s windsocks to remind us that the King is in residence. I should remind you that God has not abdicated His throne (Psalm 93:1), nor has He relinquished His ownership of all that is in this world (Haggai 2:8).

### QUESTION NUMBER TWO: “WHO WILL RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING?”

The question is answered in verses 3-5: “*He that hath clean hands*”: clean hands symbolize a clean body, and the Christian’s body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19,20). “*And a pure heart*”: Jesus said, “*Blessed are the pure in heart...*” (Matthew 5:2). “*Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity*” suggests a humble spirit. James says, “*God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble*” (James 4:6). “*Nor sworn deceitfully*” This is the description of a truthful soul. “*The lips of truth are established forever...*” (Proverbs 12:19).

*Truth crushed to the earth shall rise again,  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But error, wounded, writhing in pain,  
Dies among her worshippers.* (copied)

### QUESTION NUMBER THREE: “WHO WILL RULE THE WORLD?”

The answer to this question is found in verses 7-10, which clearly declare that “the King of glory” will make His grand entry into Jerusalem to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.

The communists will not rule the world, nor will the terrorists, nor will the atheists, nor the humanists. Jesus Christ will rule the world from His royal throne in the Holy City.

Proof? –Revelation 11:15: “*The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and his Christ ,and he shall reign for ever and ever.*” Whose world is it anyhow? Go back to Psalm 24:1: “*The earth is the Lord’s...*”

The prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us to pray ends with these three words: “**THY KINGDOM COME.**”

This prayer will be answered. His kingdom will come. “*Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords*” (Revelation 19:15,16).

Until Jesus occupies the throne in Jerusalem, your heart can be His throne. Crown Him today without further delay!

Mrs. Manuel Ortiz, and her son with Dr. Barber.



## HELLO FROM TEXAS!



*Eric Crawford, IBFI President*

If you were unable to attend the Fall Fellowship Meeting you missed a huge blessing. The preaching was such an encouragement, and the spirit of the people was amazing!

**We did not quite meet our offering goal of \$40,000, so I wanted to give you the opportunity to help in this area if at all possible. As of today, our offering is \$34,000, both in given and promised offerings.** The IBFI and Norris Bible Baptist Seminary are such worthy investments to support, so please pray about what the Lord would have you give to help make it through until the May 2022, fellowship offering. Christmas offerings are always a timely and welcomed blessing.

I wanted to give you a little update on the selling of the IBFI facilities/building project. The “For Sale” sign is now up, and we have already had a few inquiries. Please pray that the Lord would direct and guide this process as we continue to move forward for the cause of Christ.

Thank you for all your prayers, support, and all you do for the IBFI and NBBS!



## A GREAT SEMESTER ACCENTUATED WITH ADDITIONAL EVENTS

*Jonathan J. Stewart, NBBS President*

The semi-annual fall IBFI meeting was a very uplifting fellowship! Having the students readily able to attend because it was conducted on the NBBS campus while the school year was underway, meant there was a great exposure of pastors and missionaries to the students, as well as exposure of the students to the pastors and missionaries in attendance.



Since the fellowship meeting concluded on Thursday, the students conducted a one-day excavation on the Paluxy River outside of Glen Rose, Texas, on Friday. It was largely a time of preparing the expanded site for future excavations. A new excavation area has been opened up to us in conjunction with the Creation Evidence Museum, Glen Rose, Texas, where we will be doing extended excavations during the spring semester. The week was a little bit of a mixed bag, but very worthwhile for them.

Many of the students have not only taken advantage of the museum and ministry in Glen Rose, but have also toured the Answers In Genesis Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky, as well as the ICR Discovery Center for Science and Earth History museum in Dallas, Texas.

As the Biblical account of creation is so fundamental to the Biblical record (Genesis 1-11), and in the understanding of the present world situation, as well as a very useful topic to be knowledgeable of when witnessing to the unsaved, it is a major part of our education program at NBBS. The subject creation versus evolution, was of great importance to J. Frank Norris, and was a major part of his preaching ministry.



### PASTOR JERRY SILER AT NBBS

The faculty and student body greatly enjoyed long time supporting pastor and leader of the IBFI, Dr. Jerry Siler, Cornerstone Baptist Temple, Dayton, OH. He spoke during chapel for the week of September 13.

### IMPROVEMENTS ON BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Two interior walls, and all the exterior of the school building were recently repaired and painted. All the parking lot was re-stripped and several sections of the curbing were repaired.



*“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” II Corinthians 9:15*



## SERVING GOD IS SWEET



*Kenneth Ralph, Alumni President*

**Sweet** : pleasing to the mind or feelings : AGREEABLE, GRATIFYING —often used as a generalized term of approval

*“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;” - 1 Timothy 1:12*

There are times in our lives when we just need to “have a moment.” When the reality of what you are doing overwhelms you. Then with a sense of gratitude, you bow your heart to worship the Lord, for what He is doing in your ministry.

Let me tell you, I love the fact that I get to serve the Lord. There are difficult days; (as you well know), but may I remind you, even if everyday on Earth was a bad day, we have the hope of Heaven. It has been my experience that the good days far outweigh the bad ones. If you are honest, you have experienced the same. For example; leading a soul to Christ, mentoring a family to love their spouse and bring their children up according to the Bible, teaching someone how to serve the Lord, lifting up our voices together to ascribe worth to our Maker, talking with other believers about the goodness of God, watching God use your effort to reap His harvest, as well as watching the Lord overwrite your ignorance at times, giving hope and encouragement to a shut-in or senior saint; these are just a few of the ways we can see God working through us. Preacher do not give up, do not give in, do not let up, keep giving God your best, because serving God is SWEET.

On the good days – Choose to serve God

On the bad days – Choose to serve God

On the hard days – Choose to serve God

On the easy days – Choose to serve God

*The Psalmist says: “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” - Psalm 68:19*

- It is SWEET to serve God because of WHO we are serving. He is the King of Kings!
- It is SWEET to serve God because of WHY we are serving. Not out of duty, but love!
- It is SWEET to serve God because of WHAT benefits we receive for serving. Eternal Benefits!



No matter how you say it, think it, or communicate it, we have a sweet calling.

The offering of thirty persons giving \$100.00 taken at the annual Alumni luncheon, which is held every year during the annual May fellowship

meeting in Ft. Worth, made it possible for the dorm remodeling to be completed. Thank you to all the alumni and others who were in attendance, and financially undergirded the needed finances. Enjoy the pictures.

*If you are interested in submitting your testimony or information about what God is doing in your ministry, do so by emailing me at Pastor@pbtinfo.org. I would love to hear from you.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### IBF METROPLEX MEETINGS

**OPENING DAY for NBBS Spring Semester**

January 11, 2022 – Tuesday – 9:30 AM

In combination with NBBS Opening Day Rally, on the campus of NBBS, January 11, Tuesday, 9:30 AM Alumni, seniors from among the NBBS student body, and our Chancellor Dr. Barber will be preaching! Special music will also be presented with a GREAT lunch to follow, come “**FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!**”

### IBFI NATIONAL SPRING MEETING

Monday – Thursday

May 16-19, 2022

Raymond W. Barber Conference Center  
Fort Worth, Texas

Full details will be at the IBFI website [www.ibfi.us](http://www.ibfi.us)

