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"HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD"

by Bro. Bruce Turner

February's meeting of the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship is fast approaching. West Gate Baptist Church is anxiously awaiting and vigorously preparing for February 18-20.



Why have a Global Fellowship Meeting?

It doesn't take paragraphs to answer this simple question. We are a unique group of pastors, missionaries and evangelists. We are strong Baptists, we stand undauntedly for the King James Bible, and we believe in a separated life

to Christ. We seek the old paths that are good paths and full of joy. We do not serve the Lord out of some demand, but out of surrender and commitment. He is our Lord. Our friendship and fellowship is unique. We are brethren. When we meet together we are encouraged. We help each other in the establishment of local Baptist churches and we rally to send missionaries around the world. These annual meetings help us to know we are not alone. They help us to bond together for common causes in missions around the world. Hearing men of God uncompromisingly declare the Word of God helps to sharpen us. We might even come with an open mind and learn something from men who are getting God's work done around the world. I never leave one of the meetings without something that makes me a better person and pastor. I truly believe that we are blessed with some of America's finest preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will not come to show off any preacher. We are not easily impressed. Every preacher

will be on equal footing at this meeting. It will not matter whether he has a big church or a little one. It will not matter whether he has been in ministry for one year or 40 years. We will not come to debate other organizations. As I have repeatedly said, "This fellowship is about who we are - not who they are." We will not come to Tampa to define the errors of other groups nor even to brag about the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship. We will assemble to declare "Jesus Christ" and to lift up His name.

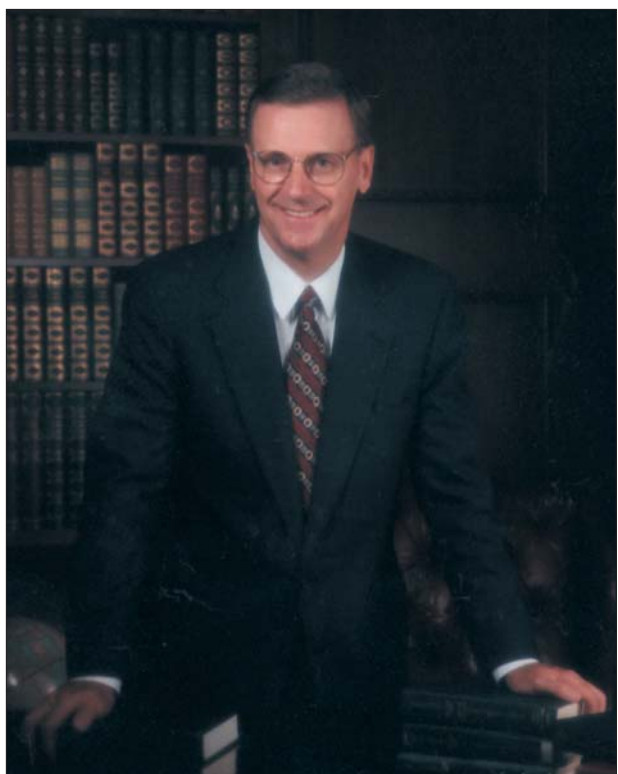
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HEARTLAND BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Sam Davison



The framing of the new dormitory buildings is progressing nicely. If the weather continues to cooperate until the buildings are enclosed, they could be near completion by the time of the May Graduation Fellowship Week, and in plenty of time for the fall semester. Praise the Lord!

Since the issue of the Graduation Fellowship Week in May of 2002 has been brought up, we are all reminded of one of the vital aspects of that week: The May Offering. Every May since 1999 has been crucial. We are all thankful that goals have been met and that great progress has been made in addressing capital improvement needs, as well as operational needs. The offering this May is no less crucial. One of the things that make it so important is that at least \$200,000 will be required from the offering to finish the dorm projects. This is a must!

After the first \$200,000 goes to the dorms, then we need operational cash for the summer, plus renovation money for the library and other lesser projects, plus needs in the area of equipment and technology. (All of these will be itemized in future literature from Heartland Baptist Bible College.) The goal is \$600,000!

Of course, the time to prepare for a significant increase in the May effort is now! I have been talking with our leaders at Southwest Baptist Church, and will attempt to lead the church for at least a 25% increase. We cannot accomplish that without some forethought and planning. But as we aim for the mark from afar, I am confident we can achieve ever-higher ground.

Heartland Baptist Bible College has a long way to go for the kind of financial stability we all desire. But she has come so far! And she has made progress because pastors and churches

have been sensitive to the Lord's leading by giving, and in some cases, giving and giving and giving! God bless you for it! Our aim is higher ground.

Finally, I will encourage every reader to do what I hear pastors and guests to the campus repeat over and over again; come visit Heartland Baptist Bible College while school is in session. Visit a chapel service. Attend some classes. Get around our students. Many have told me they could see the vision and catch the burden to help and be a part, after they met the students and got a feel for the spirit of Heartland Baptist Bible College.

To all Heartland Baptist Bible College supporters, both by prayer and finances, God bless you and may we see the investment into the lives of young men and women return manifold dividends for the glory of God!

Sam Davison
President, Heartland Baptist Bible College



FROM THE EDITOR

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP IN FLORIDA

by Rich
Farinella



Florida is the place to be February 18th through 20th, 2002. The presiding Global Independent Baptist Fellowship moderator, Bruce Turner, and the fine folks of Westgate Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida are preparing to "put on the dog" for the out of town guests of the G.I.B.F. meeting they'll be hosting. (And you can bet your dimpled chad it won't be a puny Chihuahua... It'll be more like a Great Dane!) This church knows how to lay down the red carpet for a meeting. What a time to get away from the cold and snow for some wonderful Florida sunshine matched with the warm fellowship of this group of independent Baptist preachers. There's really nothing to compare it to. The God given harmony and spirit of purpose is unique to this crowd. You'll just have to experience it to believe it. Men who discover these meetings have gone away saying that they didn't know that such fellowship yet existed. Don't miss out. Plane fares are at all time lows. Expectations are at all time highs. And the fatted calf is on death row. See you in Tampa!

WOOL GATHERING

by Robert Lewis

It seems good to me that the problem of "STRAYING SHEEP" should be dealt with in a Biblical fashion following the admonitions of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is impossible for us to govern the affairs and activities in your ministries. We don't wish to do that. It is our intention however, to declare unto you how we would treat your wandering sheep or persons who were at odds with you or your ministry when or if they come to us. No amount of potential "wool gathering" is adequate to entice us to covet the fruits of your ministry. The whole idea of church discipline is often ignored by those who are not concerned with maintaining a charitable relationship with others of like precious faith. Our promise to you is to recognize your ministry as the body of Christ in your neighborhood and treat you with Christian ethics.



Therefore we make you these promises.

- 1. If one of your sheep wanders into our fold we will call you immediately to inform you of his or her whereabouts.**
- 2. We will not listen to your sheep's bleating about you and your ministry unless you are present.**
- 3. We will not allow your sheep to join our flock unless there is a letter of recommendation from you stating that this sheep is spiritually healthy.**
- 4. We will not "feed" your sheep. That is, we will not encourage them to absent themselves from their own fold, where their own shepherd (pastor) has an adequately nutritious meal prepared for them.**
- 5. We will take no action against you or your sheep except that we will not get involved with them in any way without you, their shepherd.**
- 6. If you inform us that the sheep that has strayed into our fold is not healthy and needs to work out some problems with the context of your flock, we will not allow that sheep to join with, assimilate or claim us conditionally or any other way.**

We have no idea whether or not you will take a similar position. That is up to you. We will not do anything or omit to do anything which the Lord has commanded to ensure that the relationship that we enjoy is based upon sound scriptural principles. We believe that we are under the commandment of God to be right with God and our neighbors.

Church discipline cannot work and confusion will abound in any community where the church leaders are not in harmony about the matter of church membership and discipline. If church discipline fails in your ministry, by God's grace, it will not be because we involved ourselves with your sheep. In John 10, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." In the context of our responsibilities and the boundaries of our respective flocks, each one of us needs to "know our sheep." We cannot give unto them eternal life, but the daily routine of the flock is in our hands to organize, lead and feed. We will do a better job if we let the spiritually ill sheep in another shepherd's flock stay where they are, crying out to the Great Shepherd in heaven for grace, healing, restoration and power.

Another pastor said to me, "Well, someone has to be their pastor." After having given a great deal of meditation to this pragmatic statement, I have concluded that a wayward sheep needs to be turned home by everyone who he meets along the trail until he is so hungry for fellowship that he will go home and do what is right.

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On Tuesday the 19th we will meet in the afternoon to discuss business matters. As you know, every thing will be done in the sunshine and all pastors, missionaries, and evangelists will be able to speak and to vote. Though our agenda is not a tedious one and we are seeking to be loose-knit in organization, we do need to be "well" organized. One of the areas we will discuss is getting our directory printed. We will also present the bones of a "constitution" which will become our operating instrument. Bro. Dave Brown in Yakima, Washington is heading this effort. If you have something to input here, just give Bro. Dave a call. We will also amend and add any needed items to our Articles of Faith that were recently adopted in the Woodinville meeting. We will also set dates for upcoming meetings in September 2002 and February 2003.

We will not only have great singing and preaching, but on Wednesday the 20th we will have a great music seminar hosted by our music director, Charles Shaw and Wayne Hardy from Stillwater, Oklahoma. We will feature something for your music program, whether large or small.

I hope that you will take time to relax some while in sunny Florida. We will arrange golf for Thursday the 21st. If you do not golf, we will have deep-sea fishing. Ladies, my wife will escort you via our Greyhound bus to shopping. Yes, you will need to get your husbands to give up the plastic for a day!

We don't want anyone to miss this meeting!

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THE WIND AND THE WHIRLWIND...continued

By L. D. Woosley

Ecumenical Euphemisms

A euphemism is a substitution of an inoffensive expression for one that may offend or be unpleasant. So people no longer die, they pass away. There are no more graveyards but we have memorial parks. Drunkenness is not a sin but a sickness. Crime is not sin but social maladjustment. One of the more humorous euphemisms noticed by this writer was contained in a sign over a bakery where day old bread was represented as "surplus baked goods". So in our day a basement apartment is a "garden level apartment"; a fat woman is "one with a figure problem"; starvation is "malnutrition"; heresy is "academic freedom"; and the unequal yoke is "ecumenicalism".

People have been systematically conditioned to think and act en masse. The individual gives way to the crowd and gets lost. The person becomes part of society and the church gets swallowed up in the denomination, the denomination gives way to the world organization. Nothing seems to matter anymore unless it is international. The individual and the particular assembly of believers in a community are ignored and despised. Ecumenical euphemism has been a leading factor in producing this appalling condition. One of the strange things about this ungodly mess is that the principles which brought it upon us are being employed in vain efforts to combat the very evil they helped produce. It is like trying to drown a fish with water. The hue and cry against the ecumenicalists raised so vociferously by some men today reminds one of a man who taught his son a trade and the son outclassed his father and became the master craftsman.

Going back a few years we recall hearing a great deal said about "unity on the essentials and liberty on the non-essentials". This high sounding "broadmindedness" advocated by the "ecumenicals" of earlier years, more commonly known as inter-denominationalists, would call for the sacrifice of dearly held truth for the sake of union. Every union evangelist and advocate of togetherness at the cost of loss of purity of doctrine was a forerunner of today's apostasy. Ecumenical euphemism led to soft attributes toward heresies. One who despised the doctrine of salvation by grace could sit on the council and steering committee of an "evangelistic foundation" along with a believer in grace. One who ridiculed the finished work of Christ and repudiated the security of a born again soul would be called "brother" and honored in a union campaign. One who denied the outright Word of God spoken by Jesus Christ in His command concerning baptism would be recognized and respected as a "minister of the Gospel".

Ecumenical euphemism calls unbelief "a divergent view". It calls heresy "academic freedom". It calls false churches "branches of Christianity". It calls sin "a relevancy to environment" and unregenerate Christ deniers "children of God". This failure to properly label truth, and its opposite, in the light of God's Word has deadened

consciences, eroded morals, befuddled minds, and darkened hearts to the extent that unbelief has been encouraged and unregenerate individuals have usurped places of leadership in schools and churches. Natural teaching appeals to natural man and generation after generation builds up a stronger and stronger case of unbelief and rejection of Bible truth.

The seed of soft words, toleration of evil, "Liberty on the non-essentials" was the sowing of the wind that produced the present whirlwind. Sin is still sin and Hell is still Hell in God's book even though euphemism led men to call unbelievers "brethren".

The principle of "liberty on non-essentials" is against the doctrine of plenary verbal inspiration. If one believed in the full inspiration of the Scriptures he would be mighty slow to lay his filthy hands on God's Holy Word and take away any part and classify it "non-essential". This violates Rev. 22:19, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book". For many years there has been a strong influence to "unite". This effort has always been characterized by compromise and never by "Thus saith the Lord". Soft and endearing terms have lured some into alliances but generally time has refuted the proposed gains held up as lures for merging. Ecumenical euphemism is nothing more than courtesy to Satan, but someone well said, "You cannot walk with God and run with the Devil".

Pattern for Pollution

Sweet names, like the falsified price tags, are misleading, especially to the uninitiated. The rank and file church member being somewhat oblivious to true conditions and having been lulled into accepting a sort of "proxy" in religious matters, glides along not realizing his little canoe is nearing the great falls where he will be dashed to bits on the rocks. The "leaders" who head "movements" and exercise dominion fall into the very faults of their forbears and perpetuate the same grievances that they bewail in others, and "reformers" become "little popes". The "togetherness" of the "liberty on non-essentials" grows into the "togetherness" regardless of "essentials". Compromise on minors is a next door neighbor to compromise on majors. Interdenominationalism is a near relative of modernism. The pattern for pollution is "soft naming" sin and heresy. Union outwardly, with no true inward unity. The old example of two tomcats with tails tied together and hung over the clothesline; you have union but not unity. Every preacher that ever had a part in a union revival played the part of a hypocrite to some degree. He pretended acquiescence in public and denied agreement in private. The preacher that does this misleads his flock and leaves them open to the subtle and artful devices of compromise. Pollution spreads quickly. A rotten apple will soon ruin the whole basket full. Compromise grows. Classifying Scriptures as non-essential has no stopping place. Deviation from New Testament truth is like a sea captain throwing all his navigation charts and equipment overboard. Man's imagination and ingenuity can never

replace divine records and directives. But in spite of this, men (supposedly godly men) have hacked away at Bible teaching and selected portions as a basis for "union" and have discarded portions upon which they could not agree and like when Jehudi read to Josiah the pen knife and fire took care of what was unacceptable, Jer.36:23. Such promiscuity with the Word of God is the blueprint for destruction. Individuals, both preachers and laymen, accept and propagate a mixture of deadly spiritual compromise when they unionize. Churches are corrupted and denominations reflect and magnify the errors, and when they merge as denominations and form "united churches" the corruption is always multiplied and any virtue that any of the denominations had is over shadowed if not completely blotted out.

Friendly, united evangelistic campaigns, combined "worship" services at Easter and Thanksgiving, even co-operative mission endeavors and all other religious activity that demands silenced and subdued consciences for the sake of outward pretended unity follows the blue print for destruction drawn by the Devil himself. Infiltration and "fifth column" activity is one of Satan's most clever tricks.

The Interchange Complex

A few years ago the more bold of the Interdenominationalists and more particularly, the apostate "ministers", invented the "Be kind to unbelievers" pulpit exchange plan. On certain occasions Protestants would invite some unorthodox Jewish Rabbi to speak. Sometimes a ranking Unitarian would be invited to speak to a "Christian" congregation. To the Catholics' credit, they usually have more sense and greater fidelity to their faith than to allow a non-Catholic to confuse their people. Usually the "Fundamentalist Interdenominationalists" cry out against such flagrant "prostitution of the pulpit" and decry the "Christ deniers", but the pattern for such pollution dates back to a former generation and it is obvious that, as history repeats itself (because people do not learn), this present generation is again re-tracing the pattern for pollution to be followed by succeeding generations, if there be such. In what way is this true? A large group of "Baptist" churches meeting in annual convention or conference session schedules Methodist, Presbyterian and Interdenominational speakers. These men will likely make fun of "Baptist baptism", "Baptist security", "Baptist independence", etc. The "Baptists" will smile and take it all as a great joke on their "narrow-mindedness". It will be an easy thing for the sons of this generation to be more liberal than their liberal fathers and they may invite an infidel to address their convention 20 years from now; someone who will call God a "bully" and Jesus Christ a "bastard!" The pulpit exchange is not limited to rank modernist and infidels but so-called "fundamentalists" turned "funnymentalists" and open the flood gates of unbelief upon their unsuspecting congregations and the wind sowed brings forth a whirlwind of spiritual debauchery. As we said earlier, the father teaches the son his trade and the son outclasses the father to become the superior craftsman. The son will go farther in apostasy than his father dared to go but the father planted the seed.

To be continued ...

HOME MISSIONS

The Westside Baptist Church in McKinney, Texas is just five months old. On September 2, 2001 they met for the first time with 39 in attendance. Bro. Robert Hodgkiss and his family moved to McKinney to start this work. McKinney is a city of 54,000 with only one other work located on the west side of town. The majority of the city's growth (from 19,500 in 1990 to the present 54,000) has been on the west side. Robert Hodgkiss was sent out by Boulevard Baptist Church, Dr. Terry Williams and also sponsored by Liberty Baptist Church in Lewisville, Dr. Dick Webster. Anyone interested in assisting with support can contact Bro. Hodgkiss at (972) 658-8331.

Bro. Hodgkiss was one of many church planters privileged to attend the National Home Missions Conference hosted by Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City last January.

There are many other home missions confer-

ences held in various locations throughout the states. The original home missions conference was started and hosted by the late Dr. Dennis Brown and continues every October in Yakima, Washington by his son, Dave Brown and Yakima Bible Baptist Church. March 5 - 7, 2002 First Baptist Church of Englewood, Colorado will host the 20th annual Dennis J. Brown Memorial Home Missions Conference. Meals will be provided and help with lodging at Silver State Baptist Youth Camp nearby. Other home missions conferences are held in Utah, Texas, California, Indiana and on the

east coast. While each conference is unique in it's own style, influenced by the host pastor and church, they all carry the pioneering emphasis of the foundational spirit of rescuing struggling works and planting new local churches. Nothing gets the seasoned pastor, novice church planter or Christian worker fired up like attendance at a home missions conference. The Lord has blessed this land with good Bible believing Baptist churches established by His frontiersmen. May God grant us an even greater part in His plan for establishing more New Testament churches in



SERVING THE LORD Joy in the Heartland!

by Andrea Briggs



A few weeks ago I was on a flight to the Pacific Northwest. As the plane flew past Mt. Rainer, I looked out of the window at a blanket of clouds pierced by glittering mountain peaks. Just as those mountains rose up through the clouds, Heartland Baptist Bible College (formerly Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College) has risen up through the challenges of the last thirty-five years by the grace of God.

I first heard of the college when my family moved to Yakima, Washington. My pastor, Bro. Homer Quinlan, was one of the college's founders and regularly presented information about the college to the Church. The Lord called me to full time service and to Pacific Coast (Heartland) when I was ten. Seven years later I was privileged to enroll.

I heard accounts of "mountain-top" experiences in the school's early years including the time when students brought money, jewelry and even their vehicles to help the school during a time of financial trouble. The "mountain-top" experiences began for me on June 8, 1992, when a group of godly men made a commitment to restore the college to, "a new walk in the old paths." During the following school year, the Lord met every need at the right time. My faith was strengthened as I observed these wonderful miracles and I

began to learn the power of prayer.

My last two years at Pacific Coast were truly a joy. I was selected to be a Resident Assistant and also began working in the Administration Office. As I learned more about the "behind the scenes" work involved in running the college I gained more admiration for the people who served there.

In 1994, I graduated and moved to the East Coast to teach at a Christian school. It seemed my time at the college was done, but God had other plans for me. After a "valley" period where I learned the Lord is the only friend I need, I was certain once again this school was where the Lord wanted me to serve Him, and in 1995, I returned to California.

When the news of the decision to move the school from California to Oklahoma was made public, several of my friends tried to convince me to stay in California but I knew my place was with Pacific Coast/Heartland. The summer of transition from California to Oklahoma was exciting! The Lord allowed us to re-open the school on a new campus and brought many new friends into my life.

I am honored to serve the Lord at Heartland Baptist Bible College. The godly men and women associated with this school have influenced my life in such a positive way. Soon we will complete our fourth year in Oklahoma, and I believe the Lord has even greater things in store.

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I often hear men say that they could not come because of money. We don't have a wealthy church and I surely cannot solve every possible issue. But, I will seek to find gas money and free housing to help any of our men to make this meeting. I mean it when I say, "Every pastor will be on equal footing at this meeting."

We will have special activities planned for your children. Bring them along and have a good family week together.

These are great days to be alive and serving the Lord. I believe that in the midst of the incredible darkness we face today, the light of Jesus Christ can shine brightly and give hope to a lost world. Let's meet together, pray together, sing together, preach together, and fire up for the ministry to which we have been called.

Mrs. Turner and I, along with our staff and membership look forward to your presence for the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship meeting on February 18-20, 2002.

If we can do anything to assist you or serve you in your preparation, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely for Christ,
Bruce E. Turner

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A full financial report will be submitted February 20, 2002 at the G.I.B.F. meeting in Tampa, Florida at Westgate Baptist Church. Over 700 churches receive benefit of getting the *Baptist Times* compliments of the 36 churches listed above, most of which maintain the paper by a regular monthly support. The relatively few individual subscriptions or purchased church listings are not included in the foregoing tally. All financial support goes directly to the cost of printing and postage for the *Global Baptist Times*. All literary contributions, bookkeeping or editing are offered on a voluntary basis. No moneys are paid out for services rendered.



LITERARY AWARD

**Attention Heartland Baptist Bible
College juniors and seniors!**

The *Global Baptist Times* is presenting the first annual Baptist Times Literary Award. Articles covering Baptist distinctives or history must be under 700 words and submitted by the last day of March. The selected winner will have his/her article printed in the following (April) issue of the *Baptist Times* and be awarded a \$200 honorarium.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Positives and negatives. In any endeavor attempted, one will meet the pros and cons. The Baptist Times is no different. Note: This is a paper provided free of charge to any pastor or missionary who desires to receive it as long as the Lord supplies the need. (See article concerning supporters of the *Global Baptist Times* elsewhere in this issue.) The only way we can know whether or not it is wanted, is to hear from the readers. We are glad to send the paper to those who request the publication or those for whom it is requested.

– Editor, Baptist Times

Dear Pastor Farinella,

Just a quick note to let you know that I received your recent Global Baptist Times. I just wanted to compliment you on the fine job you did, not only on editing, but in the first class way that you published this paper for the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship.

I'm not real familiar with the Fellowship, however, I am familiar with you and the men that you hosted in this issue. I am very proud to be your friend and I pray that God will bless you and your efforts as you continue to raise the banner high for independent fundamental Baptists and, of course, for the cause of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ...

Ever Your Friend In Christ,
Dr. Rick Adams, Pastor
Greater Portland Baptist Church

To Whom It May Concern:

For several months, we have been receiving the "Global Baptist Times" and other information from Heartland Baptist Bible College. We have enjoyed scanning through and reading parts of this material; however, we do not have the time to read it properly, so would you please remove us from all of your mailing lists? Thank you!

– A missionary from England

To: Baptist Times
Would you please place me on the mailing list for the subject paper.

Sincerely,
Charles W. Arrowood, Pastor
Landmark Baptist Church, North Carolina

Bro. Rich,
Thank you for the copy of the GBT paper. The articles were all real good and I do appreciate the quality of the paper and numerous photos. Keep up the good work.

Bro. Geoff Miller
Bible Baptist Church, Washington

Bro. Farinella,
The Times arrived in this morning's mail. It is my first encounter with the paper. I am impressed. Please keep me on the mailing list. Let me know the subscription rate.

Sincerely His & Sincerely Yours,
Russ Ivison, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church, Exhall, Coventry,
ENGLAND

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*Subscription is provided free to all pastors, missionaries or evangelists who desire to be on the **Times** mailing list. Individuals may subscribe at \$15 a year.*

Thank the Lord for a man who has made a faithful commitment to our faithful Lord and publish a first class paper! The *Global Baptist Times* is a fresh breath of God's blessing on just about everyone who reads it. We have started to support it already to help it remain fresh and simple. We hope others will do the same. Keep up the good work, Brother Farinella!

Robert Lewis
Blackstone Valley Baptist Church

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Ohio

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- **Bible Baptist Church**
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(405) 321-2613
- **Eastland Baptist Church**
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- **Victory Baptist Temple**
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Oregon

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Rhode Island

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- **Southside Baptist Church**
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Texas

- **Twin Cities Baptist Temple**
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Utah

- **Faith Baptist Church**
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- **Allen Creek Baptist Church**
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- **Bible Baptist Church**
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- **Bible Baptist Church**
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Puyallup, WA 98373
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- **Lakewood Baptist Temple**
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Lakewood, WA 98498
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- **Woodin Valley Baptist Church**
Pastor Rich Farinella
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Woodinville, WA 98021
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GLOBAL INDEPENDENT BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Schedule ~ February 18-21, 2002

Hosted by
West Gate Baptist Church of Tampa, FL

<u>Monday, February 18th</u>	1:00PM - 4:30PM 7:30PM <i>Faithful Servant Award:</i> <i>Missionary:</i> <i>Speaker:</i>	Florida Independent Baptist Evening Service* Dr. Gene Milioni Dr. Sam Davison
<u>Tuesday, February 19th</u>	7:30AM 9:00AM 2:30PM - 4:30 PM 7:30PM <i>Faithful Servant Award:</i> <i>Missionary:</i> <i>Speaker:</i>	Continental Breakfast (Gymnasium) Kerry Nance - West Virginia Dave Brown - Washington Robert Stevens - Canada Ed Pearson - Indiana Kevin Folger - Ohio GIBF Business Meeting Evening Service* Rev. Charles Cuoey Dr. Paul Chappell
<u>Wednesday, February 20th</u>	7:30AM 9:00AM 2:30PM - 4:30PM 7:30PM <i>Faithful Servant Award:</i> <i>Missionary:</i> <i>Speaker:</i>	Continental Breakfast (Gymnasium) Scott Naill - Florida Ken Martinez - Colorado Bob Lewis - Rhode Island Richard King - Missouri Arlo Elam - Florida Music Seminar - Charles Shaw and Wayne Hardy Evening Service* Rev. Lester Ainsworth Mike Carney, Hungary Dr. Greg Baker
<u>Thursday, February 21st</u>	<i>All Day Deep Sea Fishing Trip</i> <i>All Day Golf Outing</i> <i>Ladies Shopping Spree to Outlet Malls</i>	



Dr. Sam Davison

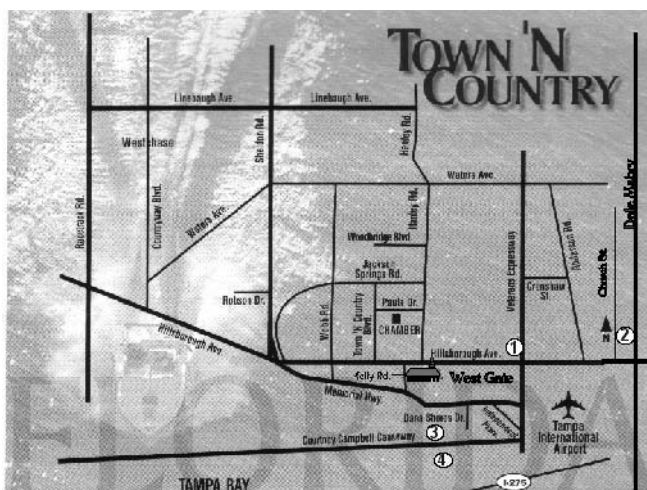


Dr. Paul Chappell



Dr. Greg Baker

** Meals served after evening services for guests in the gymnasium*



Here is a list of motell/hotel information for the Global Independent Fellowship meeting February 18-20 at West Gate Baptist Church in Tampa .

Homestead Village - (813) 243-1913 (Queen suite rooms) at \$49.00.

Homestead is 2 miles from church & airport. Mention Global Independent Baptist Fellowship & West Gate Baptist Church.

Microtel Village - (813) 739-2244 5405 N. Church Ave. They have 2 DBL or Queen suite & roll out sleeper. Either set up for \$59.00. Mention Group #0016.

Holiday Inn Express on Rocky Point- (813) 287-8585 (Bay View) 2 DBL beds or King study for \$109.00 per room & no per person charges.

Days Inn at Rocky Point - (813) 281-0000 (Bay View) King or 2 DBL beds \$89.00 (standard room) No pool side/add \$10.00.

The Pastor's Wife GOD IS GOOD

by Kathy Farinella



Every year at Christmas time we try to send a letter out to our friends and family, letting them know how we are and what we have been up to. My husband, with his unique and joyful outlook on life usually writes

this letter and always seems to be able to share the experiences of our lives with humor and fun.

God is so good. For years we have been able to share with our loved ones the blessings we have known in serving our Lord and have rejoiced that we were all well and content. Perhaps I am morbid, but every time I read over a new letter, I wondered if the next year, we would still all be together and have so much to rejoice in the Lord about.

Just recently, as many of you know, I was diagnosed with cancer. The word that all of us seem to fear and dread, as it comes along with the prospect of suffering and loss. It's the only word that has been said to me that made me feel ill just to hear. Yes, the sadness and fear that comes along with this diagnosis is indescribable and far more terrible than even I, with my vivid imagination, could have dreamed. Yet, even in the darkness of these circumstances, dear friends, my Savior walks with me. His presence has been the one essential that I have not been able to live without since the news came. Near to Him, there

is peace. If I step away from the shadow of His wings, I am encompassed with fear and sorrow.

This valley is like passing through a dark cave. It's frightening not knowing what evils may lurk in the dark. What suffering I may have to pass through to get to the other side. But then He comes to me. In all His brilliance He sheds His light around, telling me gently, in His still small voice, "You see, it's not so bad as it seems – and I'll be with you all the way through." And there He gives me peace and joy. Yes, even joy -- even a song in the night.

At the beginning of this year in January, I asked the Lord what He would have for me to do for Him this year. His answer was clear and direct as He spoke to my heart and said, "I want you to just walk with me."

"That's all?" I asked, unbelieving. "You don't want me to start a program or project this year?"

"No," He said. "Just walk with me."

Throughout this year I have made an effort to walk more closely beside Him. And though my effort was not as good as it should have been, and though my focus upon Him could have been better, our fellowship has been sweet and I am glad that when this trouble appeared, He was not a stranger to me. Surely, He wanted to prepare me for this battle. I am so glad that I know Him, the resurrection and the life! Without my precious Lord, this burden would indeed be too heavy to bear. Woe to those who know Him not, yet suffer.

Through this time, He has held me close, com-

forted my heart and convicted me of sin so deep I didn't realize that it was there. How sweet it is to be clean before Him, and nearer to Him as never before in my life. Sometimes, His fellowship is so sweet, I feel envious of Enoch who "was not" for God just took him home. Oh, to step into heaven without passing through the valley of the shadow of death! Nevertheless, I am His servant. I will serve Him with my life, and if I can serve Him better in my death, I am His to use.

And so we close this year with trials, and yet we still have much to rejoice in. The Bible says in Jeremiah 9:23,24, "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

Praise the Lord that we can know Him, that He loves us and that we can know with confidence that He will perfect that which concerns His children.

(Attention pastor's wives: Any articles that you could send our way for this column would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail them to Woodinvalley@cs.com or by mail on disk to P.O. Box 570, Woodinville, WA. 98072. A photo of yourself would also be nice. Thanks for your participation! - Kathy)