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## A DAY TO REMEMBER

by Bro. Bruce Turner

There is no question that September 11, 2001 (we refer to it as 9-11) will be a day that all of us will remember. I certainly will remember that morning. I boarded United flight 1087 bound for



Denver with continuing service to Seattle and then in to Yakima where I was to meet Bro. Bonner. I was going to speak at a revival meeting from Wednesday until Sunday and then join Bro. Rich Farinella for the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship meeting.

Little did I know that on the infamous day America would come under attack from hostile forces. Our pilot made the announcement to us by telling us that the United States had been the victim of terrorist activity and all planes were being ordered to land at the closest location. We were informed that would be Birmingham, Alabama. I remember saying to those next to me, "It must have been quite serious to cause the grounding of all air traffic."

Minutes later we landed and were hurried off the 757 aircraft into the Birmingham airport. I

quickly asked a female police officer, with K-9 dog, what had happened.

She told me that two commercial aircraft had intentionally crashed into the twin towers at the World Trade Center and they had collapsed.

It was clear we would not fly again that day. I asked for my luggage and was told it could be days before it would be returned. Indeed it was. Knowing this to be the case, I hurried to the car rental area where I was blessed to receive the last vehicle available before the rental companies decided to do local rentals only.

I began a thirteen (13) hour drive home. The coverage of this horrible event was almost as massive as the event itself. It seemed so difficult to hear the stories but not see the pictures, in these days of instant television coverage.

Anyhow, I found myself in deep personal thought as I drove the long miles back to Tampa. There were immediate lessons that seemed to plead for my attention out of the rubble at ground zero.

### The Awfulness of Sin

Man is just plain wicked. After all, that is what the Bible says about mankind. We are all sinful. We have all fallen short of the glory of God. We are all deceived and desperately wicked. There is no other way to define those actions of religious zealots that would take the innocent lives of thousands of people.

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## HEARTLAND BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

### PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Sam Davison



To begin with, I wish to thank Pastor Rich Farinella for the work and fine job he is doing in editing the GIBF Global Baptist Times. The quality of the paper makes me glad to contribute.

I am also thankful for the opportunity in each issue to write a word about Heartland Baptist Bible College. The men who are heading up the GIBF prove their love for HBBC in many ways, such as serving as directors, sending students, and being very generous financial supporters.

To preface my remarks about the most valuable assets of HBBC - our students - I should acknowledge that the student body is not perfect. It becomes evident quickly that some will do well to finish the first semester and others are at risk to not return for second semester. Even some of those students will return later for a second try and will do fine.

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## G.I.B.F. MEETING IN WASHINGTON STATE

by Daniel W. Tidd



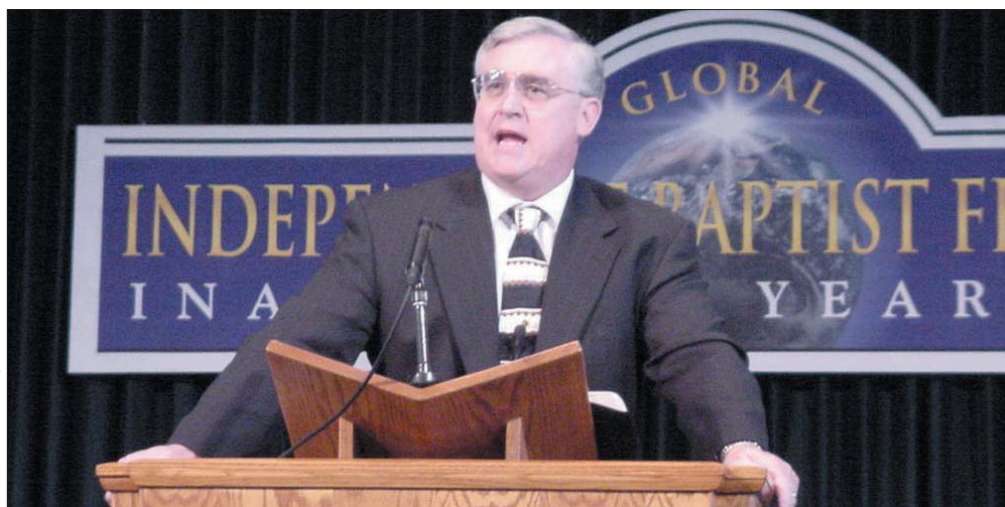
What a breath of spiritual fresh air, in the midst of a satanic terrorist attack on our country and on our faith.

The good people of Woodin Valley Baptist Church, under the pastoral leadership of Bro. Rich Farinella, went beyond expectation to be a blessing to all of those who attended the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship Meeting in September.

Bro. Rich did a great job in putting together

the line up of preachers who were used by God to "Preach The Word" and bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. The theme of the meeting was "He must increase" - John 3:30.

We left each session with a greater appreciation for our Lord. Not only was the spiritual food on target, but the physical food and fellowship was excellent. The church provided morning and afternoon meals that were simply delicious. For those who were able to stay around for Thursday's activity, they enjoyed an all day cruise and sight seeing excursion that was very refreshing.



Frank Wood

Thanks goes to, Bro. Rich, Kathy and Woodin Valley Baptist Church for allowing God to work through them to be a blessing.

Pastor Daniel W. Tidd,  
Lighthouse Baptist Church,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

## FROM THE EDITOR IN LIGHT OF LOSS

by Rich  
Farinella



I too wept for a good long time when I heard the reports of brothers, mothers, wives and forsaken children who were violently thrown into the arena of the grief-torn on that crisp September morning. People who hurt more than they could possibly express. I felt myself taking on a minute fragment of their awful distress... as if my anguish could somehow lighten the load of their suffering. These were people I'd never seen before in my life. People I did not know, nor would ever know. But people for whom I wept.

One without Christ has no hope of ever being re-united with a departed friend or loved one again. We, on the other hand, have the assurance of an eternal life with other divine family members in the family of God in the spot of real estate called heaven. The difference between the two is almost immeasurable. There is no contest - the believer wins hands down in the comparison. - Another of the great benefits of knowing the Lord of Life.

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## IBFA MISSIONS: A FIRST PRIORITY

by Bob Gass



In February 2000 the **International Baptist Foundation of America** was granted operating status as a recognized institution for receiving and disbursing moneys to "Baptist" causes such as mission endeavors, Bible schools and new church planting. Receiving funds through endowments, trust and special gifts, **IBFA** has already provided scholarship funds for Bible colleges such as Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, California.

One of the most significant priorities of **IBFA** is missions - missions at home and around the world. Missionaries are hardly ever without a need for funds to secure buildings, vehicles, ministry supplies, and personal support. It is the same story for church planters who earnestly labor in needy areas to birth and grow new churches. It is the goal of **IBFA**, through moneys entrusted to its oversight, to assist in providing the needed funds, equipment and support for these undertakings. I use the term "assist" because **IBFA** will in no way attempt to interfere with, or hinder the work of the local church. It is simply our desire to provide funds for special needs of missionaries, church planters and Bible schools, whenever needed and whenever possible.

The potential for **IBFA** to secure, manage and develop funds for Baptist works is virtually unlimited. Given time, and the blessing of God, the foundation will be able to direct large sums of much needed support to the work of God, at home and abroad.

**IBFA** has also established a Missions Clearinghouse. Missionaries wishing to use its services will be provided with computerized record keeping, designated allocations and the wiring of funds to major banks throughout the world. The Missions Clearinghouse will not function as a vehicle to approve missionaries. **IBFA** believes that is the distinct responsibility of the sending local church.

**IBFA** is operated by volunteers. None of its officers or staff receive remuneration for their work. It is our heart-felt desire that God use this organization to further the cause of Christ at home, and to the far reaching corners of our world. It is our first priority.

Bob Gass,  
Chairman - Missions Committee  
**International Baptist Foundation of America**

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## A DAY TO REMEMBER

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### The Brevity of Life

I am sure that no one arose that morning of 9-11 and expected to die. No one certainly went to work anticipating the events that unfolded on him or her. It is clear that *life cannot be calculated and death cannot be avoided*. Indeed it is appointed unto men once to die. We must at all times be ready, for one moment we may be laughing and playing and the next weeping and praying. One moment we may be vibrant and alive, the next may bring the chilly hand of death upon us. Proverbs 27:1 - "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

### The Secondary Nature of 'Things'

I could not wait to get home to my family, my church and those around me who were so important. The billows of smoke may have darkened the air around ground zero but it certainly helped to clear the air for millions of Americans who simply had lost their sense of priority. Though no one is happy at the loss of life or the loss of the innocent we experienced, I must say that I have personally been reminded of the secondary nature of 'things' - things that do not satisfy. Things, which cannot endure. I do not remember where I read this quote. I do remember the impact it had on me. Someone said, "God created all things that we might have dominion over them. Now these things have dominion over us." John warned us, "*Love not the world, neither the 'things' that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*" How we need to recognize what is really important. We need to walk worthy of our Lord and lay up treasures in Heaven. There, moth and rust will not corrupt. There, no terrorist activity will break through to steal. Truly the primary importance is not in things but in the person of Jesus Christ. No wonder we are exhorted to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. This event should serve as a reminder to the churches of the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship. Our mission is to build churches and send missionaries; all with the goal of winning men, women, boys and girls to Christ, before it is too late.

In closing, I must add my congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Farinella and the fine members of Woodin Valley Baptist Church for the splendid job they did in entertaining the pastors, evangelists and missionaries of the GIBF. Though I was unable to arrive on time due to the events above, I heard nothing but praise for the excellence of the week. I enjoyed being with everyone on Wednesday. I feel like we accomplished much in adopting the articles of faith for our fellowship. Thank you Woodin Valley Baptist Church!



*Rich Farinella, Editor*

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*Great men of times gone by have blazed trails, making it easier for us to follow lighted paths. One such example comes to us in the piece Missionary to the Philippines, L. D. Woosley wrote years ago, THE WIND AND THE WHIRLWIND. The works still going strong today testify to the fact that the principles upon which this servant of the Lord built were more than merely theory. They were tried and true, faithful to the Word of God.*

— Editor, Baptist Times

## THE WIND AND THE WHIRLWIND

By L. D. Woosley

*“For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind” Hosea 8:7*

God’s law of “Seed time and harvest” is always operative. *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” Gal 6:7-8.* The reaping will involve more than is sown. Not a difference in kind, but of quantity. One grain is planted and several or many grains grow from it. Hence the sowing of the wind bring forth a whirlwind. From the personal ministry of Christ, then of the first apostles, and very forcibly and prolifically from the writing of Paul. We are constantly warned about the intrusion of the “flesh” into the spiritual realm. “Sowing to the flesh” is a constant hazard and an ever present pitfall to mankind. This danger is not confined to the heinous sins of the body, which are commonly thought of when sin is considered at all. This danger is most acute and deceptive when the flesh intrudes into religious exercise and activity. Flagellation of the flesh is so easily substituted for submission of the spirit and makes such a convincing cover-up for a rebellious and self-indulgent spirit. We should realize that the physical body is merely the instrument of the soul of the spirit. It will obey the God conscious spirit of the self-conscious soul. If the spirit directs the body to pray, read the scriptures, go to church, etc., the body responds. If the soul directs the body to “take it easy”, the body is likely to stay in bed Sunday morning and not go to church.

One can see, therefore, the danger we speak of is spiritual. It has to do with basic spiritual conditions. It is fundamental to right thinking, right acting, right being. “He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” The Holy Spirit is of course, Holy. He is pure. He is righteous, just, and infinitely possessed of all the attributes of God. We are, therefore, in grave danger when we intimidate His person, when we contradict His teaching or violate His directives. *“The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable”.* James 3:17. Violation of purity is an offense of the first magnitude with God.

### ATTITUDES

Actions are expressions of attitudes. Seldom, if ever, is an action so spontaneous or extempore as to be void of previous influences. Many elements, including perhaps heredity, environment, and all past experiences, create our attitudes. Action springs from attitude toward a given situation. Attitudes are produced by a seed, which spouts, grows and develops. It may be watered and cultured in many ways. It may be encouraged by favorable influences given on the part of the individual within and by outward influences provided by circumstances of environment. For example: and attitude of strict adherence to, “Thus saith the Lord” is developed by this idea being planted as a seed and cultured by sympathetic influences. One who holds this attitude of confidence in God’s Word is not overly impressed by the opinion of men in contrast to the Bible. Conversely, an attitude of “tolerance” grows from a seed of instability or insecurity of mind on a given subject. And having been watered and cultured by diversity of opinion with no certain authority being expressed, this “seed” grows into an attitude of willingness to mix truth with error, which is generally called, “Broadmindedness”. Our actions spring from our attitudes. Attitudes grow and are willingly encouraged, or put down, by the individual who has a normal thinking facility. Attitudes are generally produced by environment and practice, and they regulate our actions and reactions to a large degree. Our attitudes toward God in all His attributes and His Word in all its ramifications are extremely important because we are all doing some kind of sowing.

### TOWER BUILDING

Since Babel (Gen. 11), man has been attempting to undo what God did. Man has been attempting to unite the races which God produced as judgment upon their improper efforts to “build” a way to Heaven. This “tower building” is at a feverish pitch today. The “architects” and the “craftsmen” are in a frenzy of activity and as in the case of the tower of Babel, they are using substitute materials. Notice in Gen. 11:3 “And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.” This reminds one of the present day substitutions of Churchianity for Christianity, human works for divine grace, religion for regeneration. This is vividly pictured in *Isa. 4:1, “In that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.”* Religionists say, “we will have our own doctrine” (eat our own bread). “We will be satisfied with self righteousness” (wear our own apparel). “Only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach”. “Just call us Christian, even if we do deny everything in the Bible!”

### UNION AT ANY COST

This modern Babel says, “Give us union or we die.” Everyone knows, whether he admits it or not, that integration or amalgamation means

mongrelization. This is just as true spiritually as it is physically. Amalgamate the “faiths” and you mongrelize into a heterogeneous mess. Heterogeneous means, “differing in kind” and is the opposite of homogeneous which means “alike in nature”.

The frantic efforts of religious “leaders” should in itself be a warning to any observer. Their extreme urgency reminds one of a high pressure salesman trying to get his “victim” to sign on the dotted line. We really should pause for a moment to look at *Matt. 23:9, 10, “And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.”* The word, “master” is actually “leader”. (See Moffatt Translation, Amplified New Testament, Scofield Reference Bible). The “Protestant Popes” as well as the Roman Catholic “leader” are all in violation of Jesus’ explicit command, “Neither be ye called leaders”. But the desire to “be somebody” drives the “Ecumaniacs” on and on. “Let us make an alliance.” “Let us ‘merge’.” “Make an agreement with me”, is the language of Sennacherib, King of Assyria, to Judah. Isaiah 36:16, but,

### WHAT PRICE AGREEMENT?

History, both secular and sacred, is replete with examples of the price of compromise. Truth cannot mix with error and still be truth. *“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.” Rom 11:6.* The principle is simple. Grace and works cannot mingle as co-means of salvation. Truth and error cannot mix. One drop of contaminated water will contaminate a glass full of pure water.

False religion and true Biblical faith cannot tolerate each other. One stays, the other must go. But the attempt to unite human religion with divine revelation goes on generation after generation. Spiritual polygamy is the order of the day. Some religionists go all the way into spiritual adultery while some attempt to keep “platonic friendships” with the great harlot and/or her daughters. Religious respectability has been afforded many of the most atrocious characters in the “religious family”. One late “Bible teacher” stretched his dying muscles trying to enlist support for a move to recognize the Seventh Day Adventist cult as “evangelical”. Another “great” contemporary radio preacher said, “I don’t care what day you worship” and used the statement in a manner easily to be understood as a “come along” for sympathetic support from the “law keepers” for his own radio ministry. Many preachers today have little or no compunction about whom they call “brethren”. The rankest cult may shroud itself in its self-righteous rags and be smiled upon by “religious leaders” who would like to have that group unite in his “foundation,” “counsel,” or “movement.” What has produced the spiritual blindness, the mongrelization mania, the togetherness-at-all-cost tendencies of our day?

*To be continued...*

## PERSPECTIVE AT GROUND ZERO...

by Pete Montoro

It is different when it happens in your city. It is different when a member of your church talks about a person they witnessed to having died (not leaving a testimony of salvation). It is different when a member talks of sifting body parts out of every bucket of rubble in a 12 hour shift. It is different when others talk of people they knew who are no longer here. It is different when the vilest elements of humankind are burning an American Flag and rejoicing over the death and devastation only 5 blocks away from your church. It is different when the wind changes and the smells of the burning towers fill your



bedroom at night. Our church is located 4.6 miles from the World Trade Center, now known as Ground Zero.

God has kept us through these horrific events. No member of our church was physically harmed, but everyone has been affected. We are constantly put on alert for some possible attack or new threat. Each time the subway stops unexpectedly or you hear a plane fly overhead, you wonder... not out of fear, but you wonder what will happen next. I would have loved to find some of those who were rejoicing in our pain and helped them understand a little about patriotism, but that would be sin. I would have enlisted but I found out I am too old, an ancient 37. But God knew beforehand what would transpire in the hearts of wicked men and how many would pass into a Christless eternity with not a moment to change their mind. That is why over 9 years ago He sent us to Astoria, Queens to start the Open Door Bible Baptist Church.

Since the attacks, we have housed teams who

have done evangelization on the streets, over 100,000 tracts have been passed out. Relief supplies have been routed through help given by our church, three tractor trailers from one organization. We are trying to help families who have lost loved ones in the attack both physically and spiritually. Many have found the source of peace, Jesus Christ as their Saviour. There is not one of us as Americans who do not wish we could help in some way. The best way for me to help is to be the best pastor I can in New York City, to help those who will come to our services, to invite those who do not know to come, and to do the little jobs each day that allow us to keep serving God. If what I was doing before September 11 was not important enough to keep doing after September 11 then I was not doing right before September 11. I can do no more than what I was already doing, for what I was doing before was what God has called me to do. The answer is not in government but in the Church of Jesus Christ; a local, Bible-believing, separated, BAPTIST, church!



## FEAR OR TRUST

by Kathy  
Farinella

I grew up in a time of racial tension in a Detroit suburb. Violence and intimidation was a part of everyday life in the public school system where I received my "education". I remember rocks being thrown through the picture window of my childhood home as gangs congregated in the street outside. Twice I was assaulted by gangs and beaten. The first time I was chased, finally caught and beat not too badly. The second time, I was taken by surprise and beaten severely with 2x4s - a beating that could have easily taken my life if one of those blows would have met my head.

Though the second incident was much more threatening, the first was by far more terrifying. It was the anxiety and fear of being chased, and the horror of finally getting caught that made the experience so unbearable. The second time I was so stunned, that I could scarcely take in what was happening to me.

I learned a valuable lesson from those experiences. That is, that the worst part of any tragedy is the worry and fear that proceeds it. The sad part is, that most things we worry over and are anxious about, never really come to pass - and it seems we have endured the greatest part of the trouble for really nothing at all.

As we have entered a time of war here in America, a time where we find ourselves

being terrorized by an enemy we cannot see, it is easy to allow ourselves to be overcome by fear. As women, we are more prone to give in to anxiety, it seems, than men. I think that part of the reason for our propensity to worry may stem from the fact that we are mothers and have been given, chemically, upon the birth of our children, an instinct to protect them. The mere idea of one of our children suffering is unthinkable, and the helpless need to protect them is overwhelming. Understanding this, we realize that this is no small foothold that our enemy and Satan can take over us in these trying times. What can we do? What is our defense against this inner attack to our minds and emotions?

As Christians, we know that we "have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities" Heb 4:15. He understands our deepest fears and, praise His name, He cares! He invites us to cast our worries on His broad shoulders, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Pet 5:7. He offers a peace "which passeth all understanding" - Philippians 4:7. "Be careful (or anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." He protects - Psalms 91:15 "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him." He provides rest - Proverbs 3:24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. He gives us His peace - John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid."

It is true that some of us may suffer. The

Bible says that some are appointed to suffering - Phil 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. The Bible says also, however, that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"- Rom 8:28. Do you trust His plan for your life? This is the crux of the matter - fear or trust. Which will it be? It is not God's will for us to live in fear. God knows that there is torment in fear - 1 Jn 4:18. Shall we live in turmoil over what might be? Shall we suffer needlessly over things that may never come to pass? Or do we place our lives and the lives of our loved ones in the Saviour's hands, knowing that "He doeth all things well." The Bible says, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Gen 18:25.

Our Lord Jesus said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matt 6: 34. Don't look for trouble in tomorrow, dear friend, look beyond fear and apprehension and see our Saviour's face. His love for you is evident in His presence, and because of His love, we can trust His plan for our lives.

## TERRORISM AND THE MISSION FIELD

by Bro.  
Roland Lariosa



Although the Philippines is considered a nation dominated by "Christianity", Islam has slowly gained its ground in some of the provinces and islands found in the southern part of the archipelago, particularly the Island of Mindanao. The concentration of Muslims in this area, I suppose, is due to its close proximity to Malaysia and Indonesia, which are Muslim countries. Islam has been existence in the Philippines even before the Spaniards landed. Islam is considered a minority in our country. The two main Islamic factions in the Philippines are; The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). Among the two,

MILF is the more militant and aggressive. From these two groups was formed the Abu Sayaff. This is the group responsible for the recent kidnappings and terrorisms in our country. Their headquarters is believed to be somewhere in the Cotabato and the Islands of Sulu. These merciless bandits have the habit of beheading people, mostly locals, to make their point especially if their demands are not met. One of its leaders is rumored to be the brother of one of Bin Laden's wives, the primary suspect in the September 11 tragedy in New York. This group is believed to have a strong connection with the other terrorism going on around the world through the leadership and support of Bin Laden. The Philippine military on the other hand continues their campaign to stop these lawless bandits. Along with the evil activities of this group who claim that their terrorist acts are religious in nature, we have our own soldiers, (missionaries) who are presently laboring in the same area in reaching precious souls for whom the Lord Jesus Christ died. Although I don't have the exact number of American Independent Baptist Missionaries in Mindanao

close to the action, I am familiar with Bro. Wayne Wally in General Santos City. His mission works there are extremely close to the fighting. The mere thought of terrorism brings chills to our minds, but imagine being in the area where the harshest violence is taking place. We become complacent with our service to God in our home churches because we do not experience the same level of danger, but these courageous heroes have hazarded their lives for the ministry. As you read this article, may I encourage you to pause for a moment and remember these missionaries in prayer, upholding them before the throne of God asking Him for their safety and protection. May I even suggest that the next time our missionaries return from their fields of service that we tell them how much we appreciate their courage and effort in spreading the Gospel. A note by e-mail or letter would surely be a great encouragement to them. There is no place for worry because we know that if God is not yet finished with them, they will remain secure.

— GBIF Meeting —



San Juan Island Cruise



Sweet Fellowship Over Lunch



Preachers Choir Wednesday Night

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A Church for Today at the Top of the Bay.....

Bruce E. Turner, Pastor

#### GLOBAL INDEPENDENT BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 18-20, 2002

IN SUNNY TAMPA, FLORIDA

"Holiness Unto The Lord"

West Gate Baptist Church looks forward to hosting the winter meeting of the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship. We have chosen the theme: "Holiness unto the Lord."

We are working on a tremendous schedule of speakers. We will include men from all regions of the United States. We will include men from large churches and small. We will include missionaries and evangelists if available.

Please mark your calendar to be with us on these dates. We will do our best to provide a good meeting. In addition to hotels, member homes will be available for you. If you need to park a travel trailer or motor coach, please let me know. If you cannot afford to travel, please contact me. I will seek to help you find a way to attend.

Pastor, please contact a friend and invite them to this meeting. The preaching will begin on Monday afternoon and will continue on through Wednesday evening. Please call if you have any questions or suggestions. It is too early to have all speakers confirmed but we will post all of that in the next publication of the Global Times and by e-mail. In addition, a packet will be sent out to all that we have addresses on.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Turner

... Preaching God's word as it is, to men as they are

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## FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Bro. Farinella,

Thank you for the good work you are doing with the Global Baptist Times. I enjoy it greatly and will continue to pray the Dear Lord will use it to stir many more brethren to return to the "Old Paths."

Sincerely in Christ  
Bro. David Smith  
Heritage Baptist Temple  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bro. Farinella,

Please find the enclosed check... I would like to have my name added to the mailing list for The Global Baptist Times.

I appreciate the good job you are doing and look forward to receiving the publication. Will you offer group rates to churches if they have members that want to subscribe? If you have other information you could send me, or tell me where I might write to receive the by-laws or constitution of the GIBF or who the leadership will be, I would appreciate this information.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kenneth Walters, Pastor,  
Southside Baptist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Bro. Farinella,

Just a note to say thanks for everything (the G.I.B.F. Meeting in Washington). The preaching in the G.I.B.F. was out-standing. It was great to meet a lot of new men, and to know they stand where we do. I believe that this "Fellowship" is right on target.

Dr. Charles Trull

## FROM THE EDITOR

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But Paul's admonition in 1Thes 4:13 specifies that our sorrow be not "as others which have no hope." We do feel the loss. We do encounter grief. We do taste sorrow... it is just not the same sorrow as those without the assurances which accompany the victory of Christ. A different sorrow, nonetheless - a sorrow.

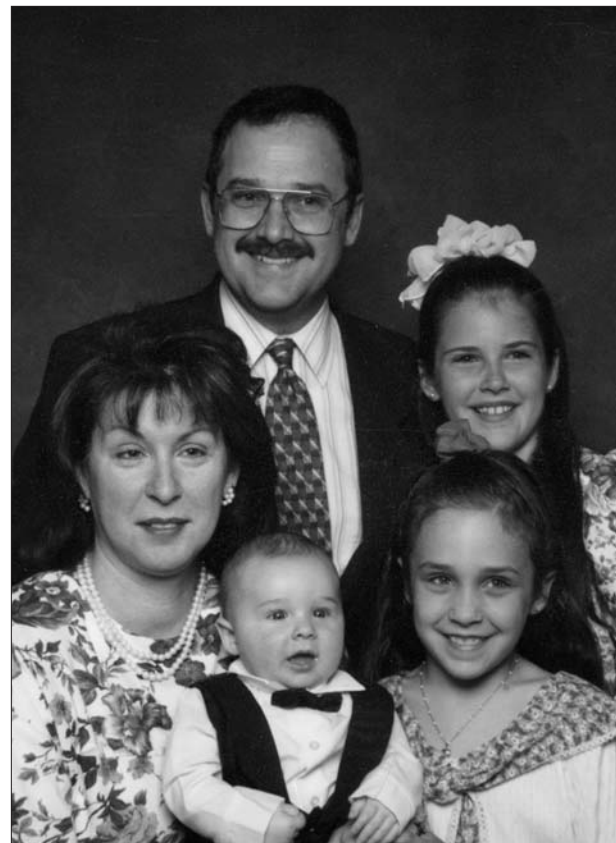
One month after the World Trade Center tragedy a friend of mine, Missionary Norm Lafleur, took up residence in heaven as a result of a horrible auto accident. Norm was as faithful, honest and pious as any believer I know. He and his family painstakingly labored in Quebec, Canada for years. The hardened Roman Catholic soil surrendered sparse and precious fruit as a direct result of their fully consecrated lives. Although this old world would never even acknowledge the loss, heaven's ledgers have quite a different entry.

I sat beside Bro. Lafleur at Mel's Diner two nights in a row following services at his sending church's Home Missions Conference in Yakima, Washington just three days before his death. The services were wonderful and the following fellowship was customarily sweet. Norm and I spoke of small things. We laughed together, heartily communed together and embraced one another when we parted, not as the longtime supporting pastor and missionary that we were, but as friend with friend.

I wept again when I heard of the next church service held in Gatineau, Quebec where his wife, Michelle, physically put up the chairs in their rented facility at the conclusion of the services. Oh, how familiar church planters are to that scene. Norm's absence is augmented. We hurt.

And yet, along with the loss of believers, our agony is muted by the overwhelming template of intense and ultimate victory over all death. We will embrace Norm again soon. What a difference the Lord makes in the most crucial matters of death and life! Thank God we can know Jesus, the resurrection and the life!

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Rev 21:4*



Missionary Normand LaFleur and Family

## CHURCH LISTING

### Alabama

- **Evangelism Missions, Inc.**  
Dr. Braxton Baker / Bro. Rick Groover  
P.O. Drawer 550  
Thorsby, AL 35171  
(205) 646-0808

### Indiana

- **Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
Donald Mitchell, Pastor  
10701 E. 56th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46235-8848  
(317) 823-6891

### Kansas

- **Grace Baptist Church**  
Dr. Rex Fuller, Pastor  
101 D Street  
Washington, KS 66968  
(785) 427-3284
- **Shawnee Mission Baptist Temple**  
Pastor Kevin L. Metsinger  
12230 West 75th Street  
Shawnee, KS 66216  
(913) 631-5149

### Kentucky

- **Grace Baptist Church**  
Pastor Lawrence Richardson  
735 Lenin Rd  
Madisonville, KY 42431  
(270) 322-3381
- **Maranatha Baptist Church**  
Pastor Ricky A. Clark  
152 Stateline Rd.  
Oak Grove, KY 42262  
(270) 439-6055

### Nebraska

- **Fellowship Baptist Church**  
Pastor Merv Goodrick  
1515 W. South St.  
Lincoln, NE 68522  
(402) 477-7541
- **Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church**  
Pastor Rick Franklin  
3902 Howard Blvd  
Columbus, NE 68601  
(402) 562-8815
- **Midlands Bible Baptist Church**  
Pastor David H. Lydick  
2407 Chandler Rd. E.  
Bellevue, NE 68005  
(402) 731-5932

### Ohio

- **Cleveland Baptist Church**  
Pastor Kevin Folger  
4431 Tiedemen Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44144  
(216) 671-2822

### Oklahoma

- **Bible Baptist Church**  
Pastor Warren Brown  
3786 N. Porter  
Norman, OK 73071  
(405) 321-2613
- **Victory Baptist Temple**  
Pastor Leonard Sissons  
8627 East Main Street  
Midwest City, OK 73110  
(405) 737-2624

### Oregon

- **Harvest Baptist Church**  
Pastor T.J. Smith  
2660 Marion S.E.  
Albany, OR 97321  
(541) 967-0577

### Rhode Island

- **Blackstone Valley Baptist Church**  
Founder: Dr. Robert Lewis,  
Co-Pastor: Randy D. Lewis  
40 Pine Swamp Road  
Cumberland, RI  
(401) 766-8024  
www.ultranet.com/~bvbc/

### South Carolina

- **Southside Baptist Church**  
Dr. Kenneth Walters  
1229 South Anderson Road  
Rock Hill, SC 29730  
(803) 324-0627

### Texas

- **Twin Cities Baptist Temple**  
Dr. Charles Trull, Pastor  
216 Wake Village Rd.  
Twin Cities, TX 75501  
(903) 838-8228

### Utah

- **Faith Baptist Church**  
Pastor Chuck Beickel  
2430 N. Fairfield Rd.  
Layton, UT 84041  
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### Washington

- **Allen Creek Baptist Church**  
Pastor Monte Roe  
8727 60th Ave N.E.  
Marysville, WA 98270  
(425) 422-9295

- **Bible Baptist Church**  
Pastor Charles Bonner  
20 Tibbling Rd.  
Selah, WA 98942  
(509) 697-8897

- **Bible Baptist Church**  
Dr. Marvin McKenzie  
12307 Canyon Rd. E.  
Puyallup, WA 98373  
(253) 535-3165

- **Lakewood Baptist Temple**  
Pastor Dennis Fountain  
10650 Military Road, SW, Suite 1  
Lakewood, WA 98498  
(253) 584-2500

- **Woodin Valley Baptist Church**  
Pastor Rich Farinella  
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Woodinville, WA 98021  
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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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But the ones who fail to stay with it and progress do not at all define the character of the HBBC student body. All the teachers and administration I have talked with agree with me that we have an exceptional student body this year. We are working with the kind of students that would make every supporting church and pastor proud.

One of my favorite experiences has been involvement with our students on Saturday morning Operation Saturation. We send out four teams on four buses from Southwest Baptist Church and go door-knocking for bus routes, plus prospecting for adults, as well as seeking soul-winning opportunities. The students go out with joy and enthusiasm. They are also teachable and productive. Even when a morning of knocking doors is a little "dry," I've not heard whining and complaining. Each time I have gone with our students on Operation Saturation it has invigorated me and been a source of joy.

Do we have a perfect student body? Not quite! Is it a group of young men and women and married couples we can be delighted to work with? Absolutely! For all who give and pray and encourage the work of Heartland Baptist Bible College, God bless you!

Pastor Sam Davison  
President, Heartland Baptist Bible College

## LOCAL FELLOWSHIPS

*by Arlo Elam*

The **Florida Independent Baptist Fellowship** started the first part of 2001. We had about 25-30 pastors in our first meeting and have grown in number since that time.



We meet every month for PRAYER, PREACHING and FELLOWSHIP. The main purpose of our meetings is to keep us "on the old paths".

We believe in and preach that the King James Bible is the preserved word of God for the English speaking people of the world. We believe and preach Baptist distinctives and we still like the hymns and gospel choruses we were raised on. We believe in starting New Testament Baptist Churches in our state, and now are supporting two new works in the state of Florida.

There are several other fellowships and organizations in the state, but we believe the **F.I.B.F.** sticks the closest to our beliefs without apology.

Arlo Elam,  
Moderator of the **Florida Independent Baptist Fellowship**

## MEMORIES

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A few weeks ago, two of our good friends invited us to dinner to say goodbye to their daughter who was going to Africa on a short-term mission trip. After dinner, our friends got out an old video of a comedy skit that we had previously done together. It was such a wonderful evening of reminiscing and sharing. We laughed until we cried.

There are so many ways that we can share special times with others. Think of some ways this next year in which you can invite friends or church members into your home. Look for ways to help others celebrate special occasions. These times could be birthdays, housewarmings, baptisms for new members, graduations, births and adoptions, or dedications of their children to the Lord. The list could go on and on.

When I consider my years upon this earth, I realize that these years are such a short time in relationship to eternity. During these years, many people--some whom I will never see again this side of heaven---will come in and out of my life. I want these people to remember some good times and to recall special memories of our times together. Begin today to create some good memories for others.

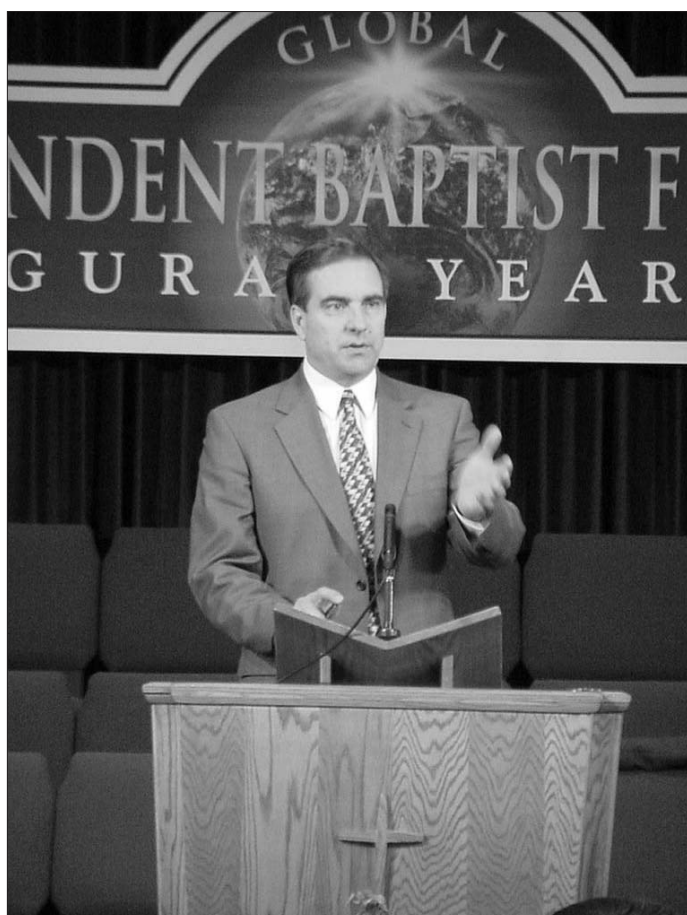
Your kind gestures could make a real difference in someone's life.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

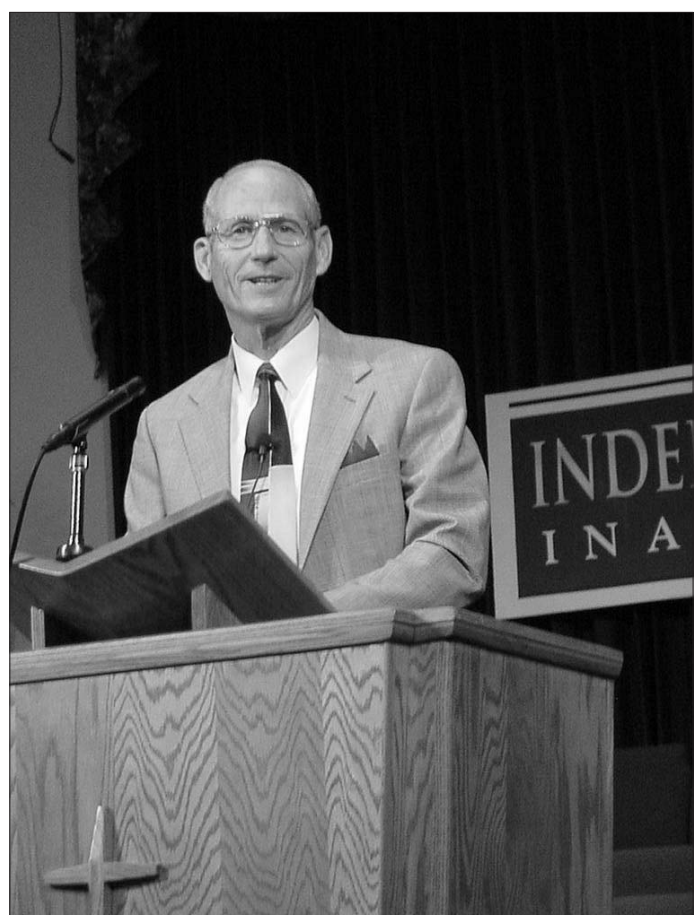
Proverbs 3: 27



*by Judy Lewis*



Dave Brown



Dr. Dave Hardy

## The Pastor's Wife

### MEMORIES

### Do the memories bring joy or pain?

by Judy Lewis

Think back on your life. What are some of the times that you remember? As a child, during the summer months, I was fortunate enough to be able to stay with my uncle, aunt, and grandmother who lived on a farm in Oklahoma. During my childhood years, my parents did not get along with each other. The memory of them fighting and yelling is still very vivid in my mind. Since those were such tumultuous times for me as a child, I often anticipated my summer vacations, and I looked forward to the tranquility that I would be able to experience while visiting my extended family on the farm. I can almost feel those warm country evenings. My grandmother would always let me lay near the window. As I lay there, the warm breezes blew across my face, and I watched the thousands of bright stars glittering in the black sky. Sometimes during the day, my aunt took me fishing in Turkey Creek. If I happen to be lucky enough to arrive on the farm before harvest, I helped my aunt prepare meals for the harvest crew. Harvest time was such an exciting time! My aunt would make homemade apple pies, fried chicken, and fresh garden vegetables. We would then take the meals to the fields where the men were working. Dirty men, with smiles on their faces, climbed down from the combines and devoured those meals. Sometimes my aunt would go to town and stop at the ice-house. This would always cause my heart to leap with joy because I knew that she was

going to make homemade ice-cream that evening. Those are some good memories that I have tucked away in my mind.

Sad to say, all of my memories are not good ones. Reminiscing over my life, I have come to believe that the memories that I have retained are the memories--which in my perception-- was a memory of someone being very nice to me or a memory of someone being very unkind to me.

I think of another memory which took place more than twenty-six years ago. Soon after finishing Bible college, my husband and I were leaving our home state of Oklahoma and moving to New England to begin a new church. With two small children and an overloaded U~Haul trailer, we said our good-byes to friends and family. Although I had determined in my heart that this was the Lord's will for our lives, I was a little frightened and apprehensive about this new endeavor. Along the way, we stopped at a church to attend services. The pastor of the church was very kind to us, and he encouraged us to spend the night at his house. He assured us that we could get a fresh start in the morning. When we arrived at his home, his wife was not happy about the plans her husband had made. We brought in our suitcases and began to make preparations for the night. As I helped this pastor's wife change sheets, she grumbled and complained about all the people who had stayed with them during the last few weeks. I felt so bad that I wish I could have just left. She made me feel as though our family were being a great imposition on her. That very night I made a promise to the Lord. "Lord, if You ever allow me the opportunity to show hospitality to Your servants, I will do it not grudgingly - Not only, Lord, will I DO IT NOT GRUDGINGLY, but I will DO IT JOYFULLY!" Little did I know when I made that promise to the Lord that one

day He would give me the privilege of hosting hundreds of his servants each year in my home.

I want to ask you right now to take a minute and to look around. Is there someone you could encourage today? There are so many people who are discouraged and defeated. These people are in desperate need of a physical, emotional, and spiritual refreshing. Criticism and complaining come natural. Think about what this does to others. When we criticize and complain, this makes others feel inadequate and insecure. Why not reach out to someone and make him feel loved and special.

I was reading in Phillip Keller's book *A Gardener Looks at the Fruits of the Spirit*. Phillip Keller gives an illustration of him and his wife inviting an older Christian couple to their home for dinner and fellowship. He described the couple as a very sweet couple with long years of tough service for Christ. After the meal, they all sat around the crackling fire and the elderly gentleman exchanged stories of his childhood. Keller in this story describes what a blessing this visit was for him. He said, "As that older couple went out the door to go home, I saw two people, who for that evening, had recaptured the joy of their youth." What a lesson we can all learn from that illustration. We can be instrumental in making some good memories for others.

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**(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](mailto: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)