

Heritage Baptist College

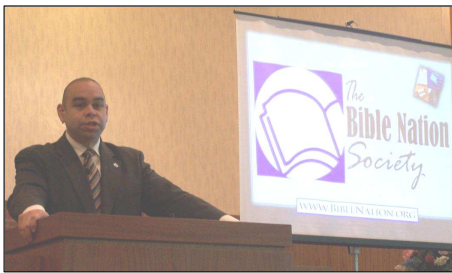
February Update

Second Semester Begun

We are excited about the second semester of classes that began on January 20th. Pastor Kevin Albert of Lifeway Baptist Church/ Hoosier Hills Baptist Camp preached the opening chapel message on “Compassion making a difference.” The Lord stirred hearts, and worked in the lives of students and faculty. All in attendance were also glad to see Mrs. Shirley Halcomb back at the piano. The Lord has helped in her recovery from a fractured leg last October.



Digital Ministry Class



Two Baptist preachers from Michigan have teamed up to explore the cutting edge resources that are now available for Christians. Pastor Doug Levesque (Immanuel Baptist Church of Corunna, MI) and Executive Director Jason Georges direct the Bible Nation Society (www.biblenation.org). They seek to reach a world for Christ using the ever advancing opportunities in technology.

On **February 15-20** Heritage Baptist College will host an evening accelerated class led by Rev. Jason Georges. The class will meet on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights at the **Indianapolis Baptist Temple** from **6:00 pm – 9:50 pm**.

Synopsis:

This class will address the challenges and opportunities of ministering in the digital 21st century. Emphasis will be given to ministry philosophy concerning the implementation and use of media and online tools. Students will also be shown practical resources available to promote their ministry and message online.

Highlights:

- Understanding the digital momentum of society.
- What a non-technical pastor should know about digital ministry.
- What is social media and how should it be addressed?
- How to use digital technology for discovery, communication, and collaboration.
- What should my ministry online presence be?
- Tools and resources that are available to help meet your ministry goals.
- Building, designing, and maintaining your ministry's online presence.

We encourage all pastors to attend or send a representative to learn this vital information that can and will impact your ministries. These practical sessions will encourage you in using the latest resources for His work. Please call the college for more information and registration.

Choir Seminar

On February 19 & 20, Heritage Baptist College will host its first Choir Seminar developed for choir directors and choir members.

Pastor Rick Stone, Dr. Tim Lindsey, and Mr. Christian Lindsey will lead the two day event in practical music instruction for our Baptist churches and their choirs.

There is still time to register. The event will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 19th, and the cost for this seminar is \$15 which will cover the Saturday meal and the materials. For more information, please call the college office, or e-mail Heritage.



Twice Owned

As a young person growing up in Sunday School, many remember the classic picture book story of “Twice Owned.” A little boy builds a boat, loses it in a stream, and later sees it in a store window. The owner of the store has purchased the lost boat, and it takes the little boy many days of working and saving his money to “redeem” his boat.



Last summer a real life example of this story took place. Over 25 years ago in southern Indiana, John Schnattner sold his 1971 Z28 Camaro and used that money to ultimately start his famous Papa Johns Pizza chain. With the company now numbering 3400 stores, the 47 year-old decided he wanted to buy back his teenage “dream car.” After months of diligent searching proved fruitless, John Schnattner publicly offered \$250,000 for the car. In late August, the car was found...less than 50 miles from where he had originally sold it as a young man...but across the Ohio River in Kentucky. The owner was paid the reward, while a hefty finder’s fee of \$25,000 was given to the individual that located the car.



Texas Sunday School

For years, America has seen the need for and benefits of the Sunday School. In the West, Captain Bill McDonald was the superintendent of a Sunday School in the early frontier. The superintendent was also a Texas Ranger.

One early Sunday morning he received a tip concerning a gang of horse rustlers. He rode out to the nearby ranch, stopped the crime in progress, and in the ensuing gun battle shot down four of the thieves.

“The officer had done his duty, and it was still time for Sunday School, so Captain McDonald hastened back to the little frontier meeting house and opened his Sunday School as usual.” (p. 315) Cranfill, J.B. *Chronicle: A Story of Life in Texas*. Fleming H. Revell: New York 1916 .

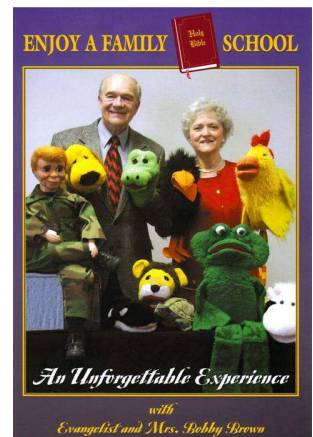
Ask yourself: What would it take for me to miss Sunday School?

Children's Seminar

With 34 years in Evangelism, and countless work with young people, Dr. & Mrs. Bobby Brown are well experienced in training teachers. The Browns have for years ministered both nationally and internationally, spending several months each year on the mission field.

On Friday evening and Saturday, March 12 & 13, 2010, Dr. & Mrs. Bobby Brown will be our guest delivering a seminar on practical tips for teaching children and young people in Sunday School, Children's Church, and other youth ministries.

The information will be invaluable, and all are encouraged to attend. Please call the college for more information. The registration is free.



Haiti – Why?

Most of us have been taken back by the magnitude and loss of life in the recent earthquake in Haiti. For some unbelievers, it gives an excuse to raise the question: “How could a loving God allow such a thing?”

My first thought is found in the idea of the question itself. Was it not Satan, who in a perfect world asked Eve a demeaning question concerning God? Eve, with her limited knowledge, did not have the ability to answer that question.

Our country has never experienced so many deaths at one time as that which occurred recently in Haiti. The closest, similar tragedy would be the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. Hundreds (not tens of thousands) of American lives were lost in the earthquake and the subsequent fire.

The 400 page memorial book call *The Complete Story of the San Francisco Horror*, published in 1906, has the introduction written by a preacher: Rev. Samuel Fallows. In the first paragraph of his 8 page introduction, the preacher addresses an unbeliever's question: “Where is your benevolent God?” His answer spans several pages, but is wrapped up in this statement: “God has not abdicated his throne, and that man is not the sport of malign and lawless forces.” (p. 21)

With our finite mind, we do not have a perfect answer for: Why did God allow it? But mark it down - there was no mistake or cruelty by God. The Lord has shown his love throughout the generations of man. How could God manifest His love for mankind, anymore, than when He sent his only begotten Son to earth, to take the penalty for sin and offer salvation to all?



Help to Our Haitian Brothers

Anyone who has visited the island of Haiti is struck by its sheer poverty. But as I learned personally, the Haitian Christians are wonderful, happy, and thankful people.

I will never forget the first evening church service my brother and I attended on that island. Two hundred Haitians were crammed into a one room building that could possibly hold 50 people. The floor was dirt, the lighting was a few naked light bulbs on a string, and the congregational instrument was an accordion. Yet, that service was full of love, and I walked away thinking - those folks delight in the Lord! I saw that same spirit in all the Haitian churches that I visited.

Bondye bon – Creole for “God is good” is a phrase that even in the midst of tragedy is echoed again and again by the Christians in Haiti. We in America have so much, and they have so little. Yet, in no other foreign country, have I seen Christians so enjoy their worship of the Lord.

I hope that you have experienced the joy of helping and sharing with our brothers in Christ in Haiti. Taking an “others” offering at church is a great way for folks to help in this need. Giving personally is another way that the Lord will bless you.

Two trustworthy Baptist groups that have Haitian relief ministries are:

Seedline International
5409 S. Co. Rd. 250 E.
Greencastle, IN 46135
765-795-2500

and

Calvary Baptist Church (Haitian relief fund)
Hwy 59 E RR 1, Box 581
Linton, IN 47441-9413
812-847-7110

Found and Evangelized

It was a snowy, winter day in Indiana, 175 years ago, that Colonel Washington Ewing with a companion traveled through the wilderness of Indiana. Toward sunset, on that cold evening in 1835 southeast of Peru, IN, they asked for lodging among the Miami Indians. Inside the log cabin was an aged white woman, who that evening revealed her story to the travelers. She told how that as a little girl she had been stolen by the Indians in a raiding party. The white woman, who spoke in the Indian tongue, could remember her name, and the name of the area where she lived.



Colonel Ewing, realizing that there were probably concerned relatives still alive, sent a letter out East to Pennsylvania. Still it took over two years for it to be published in a newspaper. Family realized that this aged white woman in Indiana, must be the same Frances Slocum that as a little girl was stolen by the Indians as they raided for the British in 1778 during the Revolutionary War.

In time there was a special reunion, with Frances Slocum, now known as *Ma-coon-squah* (Young bear). Frances, who had been raised by the Indians, had married an Indian chief, and reared a family.

The spiritual ending to this story is often forgotten. Frances nephew was a Baptist, living near Sandusky, OH (Where President Dennis grew up). Upon learning of his aunt and her extended Indian family, George Slocum moved to Indiana and helped to start a mission work among these Indians. He learned the language, shared Christ's love, and eventually three Indian Baptist churches were founded. Frances Slocum's two son-in-laws became Baptist ministers, and a thriving Christian fellowship was formed. (Cathcart, William. *The Baptist Encyclopedia*. Louis Everts Publ: Philadelphia 1881, p. 1062)

Over a half century before, violent warriors meant their terror for evil, but God turned the result into good, with many Indians finding their way to the Savior.

Dan Dennis Pastors in Phoenix

On Sunday, January 31, 2010, Daniel Dennis was installed as the senior pastor of Thomas Rd. Baptist Church in Phoenix, AZ. The retiring pastor and the deacons laid hands on Brother Dennis and the official transition was made during the Sunday morning service.

Dr. Ken Adrian faithfully led the 450 member church for 22 years until his recent retirement. Pastor Dan Dennis worked as Dr. Adrian's assistant for the past four years, and becomes only the third pastor in the 35 year history of the church.

We join with the congregation in asking the Lord's richest blessings on the ministry of Thomas Rd. Baptist Church. May many souls be won to the Lord and disciplined under the leadership of Pastor Daniel Dennis.

