

Numerous Activities . . .

There were the delightful opportunities afforded in the local attractions. Tours were arranged by the local committee to the Spurgeon Library at William Jewell College, Liberty, MO, and the Hallmark Visitors



Center and Kaleidoscope at the Crown Center in Kansas City, MO. Charles Dear commented: "Perhaps the best part of the Spurgeon Library was

the opportunity to don white gloves and browse through the books themselves, as the librarian opened the cases and invited us to open and read some of his books. Reading Spurgeon's notes and notations in his books gave a sense of hallowed ground to the library that day for those in attendance."

Others sought out their own interests like the Truman Library and the Truman Home in Independence, MO. By the way, Kansas City has a wonderful variety of places to eat, including the best ribs this side of heaven.

Other programs went on during the conference, including a nursery and children's program, and a separate programs for the teens. Thursday afternoon, during the business session, the youth were across the street taking in a major league baseball game. Some said they witnessed a "miracle" as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Royals! It has been a delight to see more families come to the conferences and to see young people looking forward to seeing friends again that they made at conferences years before.

Looking Ahead to Y2K . . .

Look forward to **June 20-22, 2000**, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the IBFNA. While the Fellowship can no longer fit in Crescentville Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, where she began, the meeting will be held nearby in **Bethel Baptist Church**, outside of

Philadelphia, in **Sellersville, PA**. **Pastor Richard Harris** will be the host pastor, and there will be more information about the Y2K Anniversary Conference in future publications. Be sure to reserve the date on your calendars so you don't miss the blessings of next year's Fellowship.

Moody had this to say to the preachers of Kansas City in 1899. "*Well, I'm not a prophet, but I have a guess to make that I think will prove a true prophecy. You hear so much nowadays about the preacher of the twentieth century. Do you know what sort of a man he will be? He will be the sort of a preacher who opens his Bible and preaches out of that. Oh, I'm sick and tired of this essay preaching! I'm nauseated with this 'silver-tongued orator' preaching. I like to hear preachers, and not windmills.*" [Moody, William R., *D. L. Moody*, 1930, p. 533.]

This kind of preaching is the aim of the IBFNA. The preaching heard at Kansas City judged by Moody's words suggests that the Fellowship has stayed on course and is ready for the twenty-first century. As we look to next years conference, may we each be faithful until we finish our course like Moody or we all are interrupted by the rapture of the Church.

Join the IBFNA—Today!

- Our Fellowship is a revival movement.
- Are you committed to the cause?
- Why not identify with our stand?
- Are you praying for this movement every day?
- We need to pray for each other and encourage each other through our membership.

**For more information about our Fellowship,
turn to page 10.**

**Use the membership form on page 11 if you
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New Membership System Began June 1999

Responding to problems of our members, confusion and suggestions from the office personnel caring for the memberships and subscriptions, we initiated a new policy on membership and subscriptions. We hope this new policy will clarify and simplify record-keeping for the office and eliminate confusion for members. This should facilitate a more timely printing of our Directory.

1. All memberships and subscriptions expire the first day of the national conference, regardless of when application is made.
2. After the conference is over, those who did not reapply for membership/subscription at the conference will receive correspondence encouraging them to sign up by August 1 to be included in the new directory.
3. After August 1, we will accept subscriptions and applications for membership, with the understanding that they will expire the first day of the next national conference. We will hold or return all requests received April through June prior to the conference.
4. All applications for membership after August 1 will not be included in the directory, but will be noted as additions in a column for that purpose in the following edition of THE REVIEW.
5. The Directory will be distributed no later than September 1.

Directory Changes

IBFNA New Web Site

www.ibfna.com

Jerry Huffman, Editor

Calvary Contender, New Web Site
<http://home.hiwaay.net/~contendr>

Gordon Katsion

OLD: 7500 Boulder Bluff
Jenison, MI 49428

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Wyoming, MI 49509-6104

Deaths within the Fellowship:

Leo D'Arcangelo, passed away June 27, 1999
Minister of Outreach
Bible Baptist Church, West Chester, PA
Survived by Mrs. Armie D'Arcangelo
816 Joeck Drive, West Chester, PA 19382-5245

Pastor Dave Strong, passed away July 4, 1999
Wilmington, NY (retired in May 1998)
Survived by Mrs. Joan Strong
HCR 2, Box 136, Wilmington, NY 12997-9715

Resolution #1,

Commending the Faith of Those Slain in Littleton, Colorado

Whereas, the nation's attention has been sadly drawn to the tragedy of the slayings of twelve students and one teacher and subsequent suicides of their two killers, and

Whereas, we live in a day when those having Christian morals and godly convictions are becoming increasingly rare, and

Whereas, our media so infrequently calls our attention to individuals who are willing to live and even to die for those convictions, and

Whereas, 17-year-old Cassie Bernall with an open Bible before her courageously answered the question, "Do you believe in God?" from the gun-wielding assailant with a strong voice, able to be heard by the others in the library with a "Yes, I believe in God," and

Whereas, on the basis of that answer, she was brutally gunned down, and

Whereas, Rachel Scott, 17, and John Tomlin, 16, were also actively professing Christians and were slain the same day,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 22-24, 1999, commend the testimonies of those slain students.

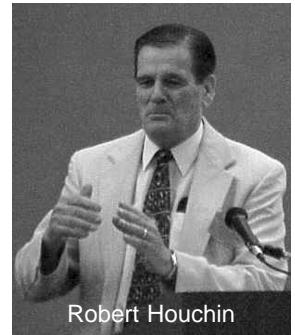
Be it further resolved that we urge all Bible believers to stand up vocally for their faith in these troublesome times, to pray for our nation, and to live lives that are unmistakably Christian.

Resolution #4,

Of Appreciation

Whereas, the members and guests of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America have experienced the gracious hospitality and efforts of

Pastor Robert Houchin and his local host committee, namely: **Ron Anderson** on Exhibits; **Scott Reeves** with Music; **Kevin Colas** on the Daily News Sheet and Tours; **Bob Roberts** and **Dean Myers** on Children and Teens; **Lloyd Reaka** on Ushers; **Bill Cone** on Sound/Recording and Duplication, and



Robert Houchin

Whereas, we have enjoyed the welcome of the fair city of Kansas City, MO, the "Heart of America", and

Whereas, many of the members of the Stony Point Baptist Church "bent over backwards" to facilitate our stay in ways many of which went unnoticed, and

Whereas, we were challenged by the theme *Unconventional Warfare* and were uplifted by the dynamic and poignant preaching and were blessed by the sweet fellowship both during and between the official sessions,

Be it therefore resolved that we, the members of the IBFNA, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 22-24, 1999, do hereby "salute" you, for you have "refreshed our spirits" (1 Cor. 16:18,19) and "labored in the Lord" in a manner which is evident that it is not "in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58) and furthermore that we express intense thanksgiving for your efforts and to our Savior, Who is worthy of all efforts, and praise and sacrifice.

Resolution #2,

For Sensible Gun Control and Protection of the Second Amendment

In light of recent headline stories highlighting violence including the Littleton, CO, massacre and subsequent copycat bomb scares, shootings and other acts of terrorism, and

Whereas, the nation's media desperately seeks a scapegoat on which it can lay the blame for these bizarre and malicious acts, and

Whereas, they naively or intentionally scorn the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms, and use every opportunity and crisis they can to blame guns for acts of violence, rather than the violent, depraved nature of man, and

Whereas, the Bible tells us it was not Cain's weapon, but Cain who murdered his brother Abel, the Bible does not condemn inanimate objects such as guns for the countless acts of violence and murder in our sin-sick country, but rather the individuals with depraved sin natures which are untamed by the Holy Spirit of God, and

Whereas, the saints of the Old Testament were encouraged to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem with sword in one hand and tool in the other, and the New Testament recognizes the right to own and bear arms (Luke 22:36-38), Jesus noting the folly of a thief breaking into a strong man's house unless he first bind the strong man, and

Whereas, armed citizens have been a great deterrent against millions of attempted crimes, and the founding fathers acknowledged in the Bill of Rights that an armed citizen militia was a great deterrent against tyrannical governmental injustice, and that tyrants have historically seized power over their people by first disarming them, and

Whereas, the overwhelming number of current gun laws are impossible to enforce, serving only to prevent private, law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves, and having the effect of compelling greater reliance upon an increasingly intrusive government for the personal safety of the citizen,

Be it resolved that the IBFNA, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 22-24, 1999, encourages our nation's lawmakers not to capitulate pressure brought on by groups with ulterior motives who use emotional crises to undermine our Constitutional rights, by seeking to disarm the ordinary citizens and encourage criminals.

Furthermore, we encourage all Bible believers to pray fervently for our nation that we would turn from our path of "wickedness [which is] great in the earth, and. . . every imagination of the thoughts of [our] heart[s] [which is] only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5) and that we would humble ourselves before our Holy God and passionately seek His face.

Be it finally resolved, that agreeing with the wisdom of our founding fathers, who in the spirit of independence, self-reliance and trust in God penned the great documents that we call the Constitution and Bill of Rights, we also strive to preserve all those freedoms that have made America a unique nation and keep our government from intruding further into the private lives of its citizens.

Resolution #3,

Commending the Sentencing of Jack Kevorkian

Whereas, Jack Kevorkian has been convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to ten to twenty-five years in prison in the "physician assisted suicide" of Thomas Youk, and

Whereas, he has by his own admission "assisted" in at least one hundred twenty-nine other such "suicides," and

Whereas, he has repeatedly violated his Hippocratic oath "to cure and not harm" by routinely killing his victims without verifying their ailment with the victims' real physicians or family members, and

Whereas, he has openly shown his belligerent disregard for the judicial system by repeatedly threatening to kill himself by starvation if the court found him guilty, and

Whereas, he has been historically enamored with Nazi death camp procedures, methodology and experiments, saying they had redeeming value because "similar human experiments can never again be done" and that no experimentation on doomed and/or terminal patients "could be too remote, too simple, too absurd . . . or too outlandish," and

Whereas, the Scriptures remind us that though suffering may and ought to be alleviated (Prov. 31:6, 7), at no time may anyone take it upon himself to actively terminate any innocent life as that would be trespassing on God's domain (Psalms 68:20), and

Whereas, Hebrews 9:27, reminds us ". . . as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" so we must not view the time of death as an arbitrary appointment decided by mere man,

Be it therefore resolved that we, the members of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 22-24, 1999, commend the jury's courage in arriving at the guilty verdict.

Be it further resolved that we encourage our state and national legislators to repudiate any measures which would legalize "physician-assisted suicides."

Be it finally resolved that we encourage all Bible believers to willingly inconvenience themselves to become caregivers and prayer warriors on behalf of their loved ones in their sensitive and often lonely final days and actively seek to witness boldly to those who remain unsaved while sharing the Lord's consolation to those who are resting in the Savior, Jesus Christ.

A “Unique” Fellowship

What makes us “Unique”?

IBFNA has no self-perpetuating board or hierarchy.

As biblical Baptists historically have done, we emphasize the “equality of the brethren.” Position, titles, or prominence do not lift one believer above another. We are on level ground before God and our brethren.

We are not only a Fellowship of pastors, but church members as well.

We encourage and challenge the members of local Baptist churches to join the IBFNA and stand with their pastors on the issues and initiatives of the day. All members have voting privileges.

We have no approval system of any kind.

Mission boards, educational institutions, and social agencies remain in the hands of churches. We do not encroach on the sovereignty of the local churches by attempting to take from them decisions that belong to them nor do we intend to develop tests of loyalty based upon who churches support. Such encroachments tend to weaken local churches rather than to strengthen them. Associations are valuable only as long as they serve to strengthen the churches. We will, however, inform members of events and trends within agencies.

Our stated purpose is our only reason for existence.

We recognize that the local church is the organism through which the work of Christ is accomplished in this age. Biblical associations should only:

- Provide fellowship, counsel, and build mutual respect toward individual churches and believers, and
- Provide a vehicle for cooperation without usurpation of authority, and
- Provide the means of a “common voice” whereby they might more effectively impact the generation in which they live. The unity of which our Savior spoke in John 17:21 was a united witness to the Truth He had given them. By education and encouragement, churches are enabled to more easily “contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

Local churches may register their support for the separatist position of the IBFNA.

By church vote, they can support it financially, no matter how small the amount, and can then be listed as a Supporting Church in the IBFNA Directory. They may cease that support and identification by simply not sending financial support. Individual memberships are not affected by whether their church does or does not become a supporting church.

Continuous individual membership in the IBFNA is not automatic.

Pastors and people must annually renew their agreement with and desire to remain associated with our Purpose. Churches and/or individuals desiring to be identified with this Fellowship may do so by completing the form on page 11, enclosing the appropriate fee, and sending them to the Membership & Subscription Office.

From our Constitution:

I. Name

This shall be a fellowship of fundamental, separatist Baptists. It shall be known as the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America.

II. Purpose

Recognizing the need for a national fellowship of fundamentalist, separatist Baptists, we have organized for the following purpose:

- A. To establish a nationwide fundamentalist, separatist association of Baptists to provide fellowship, counsel, a uniform standard of biblical faith and practice, and a vehicle for cooperation in promoting the evangelistic, church-planting and educational goals of the fellowship; and further
- B. To emphasize the biblical teaching on separation from unbelievers in religious work (primary separation) and separation from believers who ignore or disobey the Bible's teaching of primary separation (secondary separation); and
- C. To raise a standard for personal separation from worldliness and worldly practices reflecting the truth that believers are new creatures in Christ; and
- D. To provide information on current issues facing fundamental Baptists and others; and
- E. To produce literature for churches and pastors who desire such materials.

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Due to the late publication of the *Review* we are extending the deadline until August 10.
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October 19, 1999, Regional Conference, Parsippany Baptist Church, Parsippany, NJ

Host Pastor: Alan B. Brown

November 8, 1999, Regional Conference, Berean Baptist Church, Boone, IA

Host Pastor: Gary Freel; with Featured Speaker: Dr. Kevin Bauder (CBTS)

June 20-22, 2000, Annual Family Bible Conference, 10th Anniversary, Bethel Baptist Church,

Sellersville, PA; Local Committee Chairman: Pastor Richard Harris

IBFNA Members are invited to also attend:

October 26-28, 1999, American Council of Christian Churches Annual Conference,

Hardingville, NJ; Host Pastor: Mark Franklin

November 4-6, 1999, Confraternidad Internacional de Bautistas Independientes (CIBI),

Buenos Aires, Argentina; For information: Michael McCubbins

Don't forget to renew your IBFNA membership!