

Swissvale Baptist Church

Proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

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To the IBFNA Fellowship

My Dear Brothers & Sisters of the IBFNA,

Greetings from icy Pittsburgh. I hope that you are doing well as you live for the Lord and serve him faithfully. It is hard to believe that we are in February of 2022 and almost two years have passed since the beginning of the covid pandemic hysteria in the world. These last two years have been extremely challenging, but the harder the struggle, the more we see how faithful our great God is.

This is one of the primary reasons we need the IBFNA and the annual summer conference. In these difficult times we need the rich fellowship our conference provides. It is so precious to be together with dear friends, reinforcing the bond we have as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our time together is a great blessing, which can also give us opportunities to make new relationships which will continue as we seek to build each other up until Christ's return. Though the direct context in Heb. 10:25 is for the local body of believers, the applicational truth can be applied to our association as well. We need each other "so much more as you see the day approaching."

Please come and fellowship together this coming June at our yearly conference. Our conference last year was such a blessing with Brother Jeff Bailey and the brethren at Grace Baptist Church in North Attleboro, MA. This coming June 21-23, we will be in Hanover, PA with Brother Allen Harris and the good folks at Hope Baptist Church. The conference is centered on 1 Corinthians 15 with verse 58 as our theme: "Be Steadfast, Unmovable, Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord." We will have morning devotions together that will be centered on this verse, and each of the daily sessions will be rich with great preaching from the entire 15th chapter. How wonderful it will be to fellowship around our great Savior and the assurance we have of our resurrection and eternal life in Him. I trust you are planning on being together for this encouraging and challenging time. Let me also encourage you to share the information concerning the conference with someone else and have them enjoy the sweet fellowship as well. You can find all you need on our website, www.ibfna.org.

I can't wait to see you at Hanover in June! May the Lord bless you, and may the Lord bless the IBFNA.

Sincerely in His Service,

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