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President's Perspective

The Move to Chandler

Almost seven years ago, Tri-City Baptist Church voted on moving from Tempe to Chandler, Arizona. It has been a long road, but we have finally made it to our new property with our new facility. Truly, God has done a great work. Yes, the move definitely took longer than we had anticipated but that was all part of God's timing and His work. Through the process we saved large amounts of money by doing the work ourselves. God brought contractors and vendors along the way that allowed us to save even more. What a blessing it is to go from our 68,000 square feet of space for our entire ministry to 96,000 square feet all under one roof not including our 18,000-square-foot residence hall. **Great things He hath done!**

Unprecedented Enrollment

We are also greatly blessed with an expanded enrollment of 18% over last fall. In a time when economic hardship is at its greatest for a number of years, God has brought to us many students. To God's glory, we have more students enrolled this semester than we have ever had in the history of the school. Singleton Hall is also fuller than it has ever been with 44 students living in our residence hall. **Great things He hath done!**

Using Technology to Enhance Ministry

For the last two-and-a-half years, I have been planning and dreaming about having a second classroom in another state through the use of video conferencing, but the technology costs were too great. About

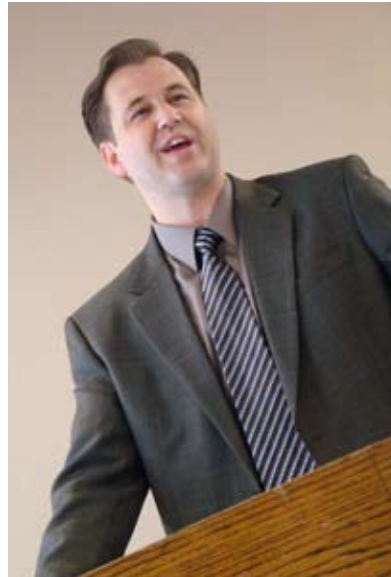
halfway through the summer, the Lord provided an opportunity for us to partner with the Ironwood Institute of Ministry (IIM), based at Ironwood Christian Camp, to provide teaching for their students. In the space of two months, the Lord provided \$16,000 in gifts to cover the setup costs in technology to establish a linked classroom between IBC and IIM. This has enabled us to teach live classes with real time audio and visual be-

tween the classrooms. Essentially we have welded two classrooms separated by 400 miles so they are learning as one theology class. **Great things He hath done!**

Students in Summer Ministry

Our IBC students served all over the world this last summer. Traveling on our Ministry Team throughout the West, going on a mission trip to Spain, working in camps, participating as interns in local churches, and serving in their home churches kept our students busy serving and learning. What a blessing to hear of lives changed and hearts impacted through the faithful service of our student body! **Great things He hath done.**

God has done great things in giving us tools to equip servants and giving us servants to equip. What a privilege it is to serve a God who bountifully supplies ministry opportunities and the means to accomplish that ministry. Please be in prayer for us. Great things He hath done; great things He WILL do.



Pastor David Brock, President of International Baptist College, speaks to students in chapel



Tri-City Baptist Church Ministries moved into the new 96,000 square foot building in August 2009.



Above: The first service was held on August 24, 2009 with over 800 in attendance.

Below: New IBC students and many IBC graduates now serving in ministry returned to Tri-City for the Dedication Service on August 30, 2009.



Above: This fall, for the first time ever, IBC is completely on one campus.

Below: IBC's modular buildings have been installed and need to be remodeled (electrical, roof, exterior, plumbing). \$300,000 has been given; an additional \$450,000 is needed to finish the buildings.



Summer of Service

While attending International Baptist College, students are immersed in local church ministry. However, ministry for IBC students does not end after their final spring semester exams! The summer months provide great opportunities for IBC students to serve in various capacities across the globe.

Summer ministries are always a step of faith for a college student. Students battle questions like, “How will God provide financially?”, “Am I spiritually ready to counsel at a camp?”, “Is it safe to travel to another country?”, and “Wouldn’t it be easier to just get a job back home?” Sometimes they use these excuses to choose not to get involved in a summer ministry. This summer, IBC students were able to take what they have been learning both in the IBC classroom and through local church ministry to invest in eternity. These summer ministries involved the IBC mission trip to Spain, Camp Ironwood, Camp Eden, local church internships, and the IBC Ministry Team.

Six IBC students traveled on a short-term mission trip to Spain where they worked alongside International Baptist Missions missionaries Larry and Kathy Carlisle. The team did work projects, helped with a teen activity, led Vacation Bible Schools at two churches, and ministered at four churches with special music and preaching. They also experienced the joy of God’s faithfulness and power by seeing one soul saved in the predominately Catholic country. Katie Carlisle, a senior in the church education program said, “I came to college not wanting to teach anything anywhere; in the past three years God has changed my heart, giving me a joy in teaching children.” God gave Katie the opportunity to return to the country in which she grew up to teach Bible lessons during the two weeks of VBS.

Many of our IBC students were able to serve at various Christian camps. Freshman Brooke Cox said, “I will never forget the conversations with my campers, their broken hearts, the many hardships they have faced, and their

realization that nothing is too big for our mighty God.” Through the ministry of Camp Eden, Brooke gives testimony of not only how God was able to use her in the lives of others, but also how God worked in her own life. “Being a camp counselor was a test of patience and very tiring but definitely worth it. I am thankful the Lord was willing to use me to help work in the hearts of young people this summer.” Elisabeth Owens mentioned a specific area in which God taught her through working at Camp Ironwood: “The power of prayer is awesome! I saw so many lives changed due to people praying for the campers.” Elisabeth encourages “anyone looking to be a part of ministry in the future to definitely take a summer to work at a camp.”

Five IBC students were also able serve this summer by traveling on the IBC Ministry Team. The team ministered to churches in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, and Utah. Kevin Enriquez, a sophomore missions emphasis student, said that through traveling on the Ministry Team “the Lord allowed me to serve in several churches by leading two VBS programs, several youth activities, working in three camps, and helping out in many homes along the way.” Several of our young men were able to be involved in internship programs with pastors of local churches. Daniel Kelting, a senior in the pastoral emphasis program, interned for the summer at Bethel Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona. Daniel saw many answers to prayer throughout his summer and learned much through the mentoring of Pastor David Stertzbach. According to Daniel, “One of the most important things [Pastor Stertzbach] taught me was that ministry is about growing people.”

International Baptist College encourages its students to be involved in summer ministry whether at home or abroad. Great things God has done through the willing attitude and actions of many IBC students who served in summer ministry!



Above: Katie Carlisle, Michael Rollins, Miguel Alfaro, Megan Maves, Cristine White, and Lisa Carlisle (back) served in Spain.

Below: Brooke Cox (center) served at Camp Eden.



Above: Elisabeth Owens was a counselor at Camp Ironwood.

Right: Daniel Kelting interned at Bethel Baptist Church.

Below: The IBC Ministry Team. Krista Konves, Christina Spears, Katie Braswell, (Pastor Chris Koehn), Kevin Enriquez, and Gerald Penny.



Cover: Outfitter joins two classrooms into one. *Photo courtesy of Vicki Tayloe.*

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A Lion, a Donkey, and a Dead Guy:

by Nathan Mestler

Divine Promise and the Book of First Kings

I am sure we have all experienced the frustration of being delayed in traffic only to discover that delay would have been completely avoided if people had only overcome the insatiable desire to slow down and look at the accident along side the road. It seems that even the smallest fender bender is enough to cause a “rubber-neck disease” outbreak. Just imagine the traffic jam that would ensue if, instead of a car wreck, there were to be a lion, a donkey, and a corpse found along side the road. This is exactly the scenario that unfolds in I Kings 13 in what has to be one of the strangest stories in all of scripture.

Summary of I Kings 13

Brave Confrontation (vv. 1-8) I Kings 13 recounts an interaction between the wicked King Jeroboam and a man identified simply as “the man of God.” The man of God is sent on a mission to confront the idolatrous king. The account of this confrontation is in itself a memorable illustration of the power of God. In this initial scene the man of God courageously confronts the king and proclaims God’s message of displeasure over Jeroboam’s idolatrous ways. At the climax of the scene, the man of God proclaims a curse against the King’s false altar. The prophet’s proclamation against the altar is powerfully confirmed for all to see when the altar is split in half and destroyed and the king’s own hand becomes lame. The man of God leaves the scene and—please take note of this—has a firm grasp on what God has asked him to do. We are told

from the man of God’s own lips that God has commanded him to go home by another road and not to stop for refreshment along the way.

Two Prophets: One Lies and One Dies (9-32) The man of God leaves the king and in obedience to God’s Word returns another way. This is where the story gets strange. As the man of God is traveling home, he meets a man identified as an “old prophet.” The old

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prophet has heard of the man of God’s heroic action and of the destruction of the altar and desires to meet the man of God. He tells the man of God that he has had a visit from an angel and has been directed to bring the man back to his house for refreshment. The text adds this one unexplained line, “but he lied unto him” (v. 18). The man of God follows the old prophet back to his home in clear violation of what God has commanded him to do. As he enjoys the meal with the old prophet, God speaks to the man of God and tells him that because of his disobedience he will not return home alive. After the meal the man of God gets on a donkey and heads home. Then verse 24 records, “and when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the

way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.” The lion, donkey and dead man of God remain beside the side of the road until all the surrounding area hears of it.

Divine Promise in I Kings

The story, just summarized, is striking for several reasons. First, the simple content of the story is unusual. The man of God, a hero in the first section of chapter 13, is dead by the end of the chapter and the cause of his death, to some degree, is caused by another’s deception. The punishment of the man of God seems extreme and unfair. Secondly, this story is striking because for some length the author of I Kings seems to leave his train of thought to trace a rabbit trail. After all, to this point the author of I Kings has been detailing the history of the kings of Israel. The rise and downfall of Solomon has been detailed in chapters 1-11, followed by the rise of Jeroboam and Rehoboam and the division of the kingdom. At the start of the chapter 13 the story deals directly with Jeroboam, so the author seems on track with the main theme of the book. The end of chapter 13 returns to dealing with Jeroboam, so the story of the man of God and the old prophet seems to be off topic. At first glance it is almost as though the author is saying, “And by the way, let’s leave off Jeroboam for the moment and let me tell you about an interesting little story and then we will get back to the main topic.” Is this really what is going on? Or is there greater intent in including this story?

To answer this question we need to consider the flow of the whole book of I Kings. It is especially important to note the times when God speaks. The first time that the Lord speaks in I Kings, He makes the promise to Solomon that if Solomon will only keep His law and walk in the way of David, God will lengthen his days and bless his reign (3:14). The Lord appears a second time to Solomon in chapter 9 and repeats His promise: if only Solomon will walk in the ways of David and keep the law, He will establish his throne for ever (9:4-5). These two previous promises make the words of chapter 11 very ominous, "And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father" (v. 6). The following verses detail the effects of Solomon's failure to obey the Lord and walk as David did. The kingdom slips away and is divided. Jeroboam rises on the scene in chapter eleven and once again his rise is accompanied with a message of promise from God, "If thou wilt hearken to all that I command thee..., [then] I will be with

thee and build thee a sure house, as I built for David" (11:38).

The next time God directly speaks in I Kings comes when the man of God and the Old Prophet are sitting to eat. God promises, "thy carcass shall

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not come unto the sepulcher of thy fathers" (13:22). What will happen with this promise? Will God keep it? These questions are emphatically answered in the verses that follow. The man of God is killed. God keeps His Word. The man of God has disobeyed; this disobedience is met with just consequences.

When this broader view is taken, it becomes clear that the story of the death of the man of God is not off topic, but rather serves to highlight the writer's central theme: God keeps His Word. It establishes for the reader a sense of inevitability. By the time the events of I Kings 13 occur, the principle of God as a Keeper of Promises can no longer be seriously questioned. Further, this principle is powerfully and poignantly illustrated by the story of the man of God and his tragic death.

Conclusion

Far from being some off topic rabbit trail, the story of the man of God is a poignant reminder of the God Whose Word never fails. This message forms the central theme of I Kings. God assists, establishes, blesses those who honor and obey His Word, but resists and destroys those who disobey. The author of I Kings illustrates this truth in such a striking way so that as we cruise through the text of Kings we will slow down to take in the unusual sight and remember who God is.

Get to Know IBC’s Faculty: Nathan Mestler

Where did you grow up?

Nairobi, Kenya, Africa

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Manager of a major league baseball team

What degrees do you currently hold?

- B.A. in Bible and Christian Service with a Missions emphasis from International Baptist College
- M. Div. from Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary
- Th.M. in progress from Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary

Tell us about your family.

Bethany (Woods) and I have been married for 5 years. We have two children right now, 3-½ year old Macy and 1-½ year old Levi, and are expecting a baby boy on November 25.



What are your responsibilities this semester at IBC?

Dean of Men; Professor of Elementary Hebrew, Theology 3, Intermediate Greek, and Major cults; Director of Student Services

Tell us about your personal time with God. What have you found helpful?

I have been doing in-depth book studies recently. Spending a lot of saturated time

reading one book over and over brings the book alive to you. I have also found it helpful to listen to the Bible on my mp3 player.

Favorite hobbies

Baseball and politics.

Favorite books

Secular—*Nicholas Nickleby* by Charles Dickens. Christian Living—*Living by the Book* by Howard & William Hendricks

Favorite quote

"The amount of sacrifice and energy you devote to your studies and preparation for ministry is an expression of love for the people to whom you will minister but have not yet met." —Pastor Mike Sproul

Favorite class to teach

Theology 3.

Back to School at IBC



Move In/BBQ/Parent Orientation

August 22, 2009 was a big day for International Baptist College. The PAN society welcomed students and helped them move into the residence hall. Parents attended an orientation meeting, and then everyone had dinner together at the Welcome BBQ. Afterwards, faculty led tours of the new building.



Registration

On Registration Day, International Baptist College students registered for classes, took care of other administrative matters, and began getting to know each other and their way around campus before classes began.



Heart Focus

Pastor Bryan Brock was the speaker for Heart Focus, a series of evening chapel services to help students get their hearts ready for the coming year.



Orientation

Not only did International Baptist College welcome many new students this semester, it also welcomed several new faculty and staff members. Orientation was an important day for everyone as they learned how to things would work at the new campus.

Never Stop Learning!

Continue your advanced degree by taking one or both of the week-long graduate classes offered by IBC this winter. It will be a great time for you to take classes that will benefit both your personal study and your church ministry.

Contact Dr. Michael Bryson at 1-800-IBC-4858 x7960 or michael.bryson@ibconline.edu.

Advanced Hermeneutics with Dr. Charles McLain January 4-10, 2010 (BI 512/712 - three credits)

An advanced study of the principles and practices of accurate biblical interpretation including an evaluation of various hermeneutical methods.

Small Groups with Dr. Michael Sproul January 11-15, 2010 (CG 514/714 - two credits)

An in-depth study of the scriptural use of small groups in the church for the purpose of fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism.

Outfitter: Technology Bringing People Together

This semester International Baptist College launched a new ministry called Outfitter. Outfitter takes advantage of video conferencing technology to bring together people who are united in the purpose of bringing glory to God, but separated by distance. The goal of Outfitter is to be a ministry resource for families, churches, and other ministries in the West. This semester Outfitter is running for the very first time, bringing together ten students in Chandler, Arizona and ten students at the Ironwood Institute of Ministry in Southern California. Together the students are taking Theology 3, one of the Tuesday night classes offered by International Baptist College. The Lord has worked in a great way to bring Outfitter together faster than had been anticipated, and we look forward to seeing how God will use Outfitter for His glory.



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