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IS THE QUESTION WHO'S RIGHT? OR WHAT'S RIGHT?

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
BY DR. RON COMFORT



On my recent trip to Australia to preach at the National Baptist Fellowship, I preached a series of messages on Abraham from Genesis chapter 12. I quoted a statement that I had read in A. W. Pink's book *Gleanings in Genesis*. I have made the statement for years in my preaching, and to my shame had not given it a great deal of thought. However, a young Australian man in his early twenties came to me and respectfully showed me that the statement is not biblically true. He apologized for correcting me. Immediately I told him that he was like the Bereans who, "...searched the Scriptures...to see if those things were so..." I commended him for his respectful approach and for showing me Scripture that was in keeping with the teaching of the Word of God. The question was not, "Who is right," but rather "What is right?"

In this semester's evangelism class I have thirty-four young men preparing for the ministry of evangelism. I was relating to them a few of the many instances in my ministry where I have been given an ultimatum, "If you preach for him, you can't preach for me." A junior student asked, "What do we do when we are given that kind of an ultimatum." I responded, "Live by two words: do right." Again it is not "Who is right?" but "What is right?"

The Ambassador Baptist College students are frequently told that nothing in the Bible says they must be loyal to a man or an institution, but rather they must be loyal to the Bible. God is a God of truth (Deut. 32:4.) The Bible is truth (John 17:17). Jesus is truth incarnate (John 14:6). If my loyalty is to the Word of Truth and the God of Truth, it matters not what a fellowship, a college, or a person says.

Recently I communicated with a young man who seemed to be going in a new evangelical direction. He justified his actions by various statements from his friends or men after whom he had read; however, it matters not what even good men say. Actions must be based upon the Bible, and not on what men say.

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 DR. DAVID ATKINSON	Pastor Ken Walters 8:45am	Pastor Marc Monte 8:45am	Ev. Neil Cadwell 8:45am	Pastor David Smith 8:45am	Pastor Max Barton 8:45am
	Pastor Bruce Love 9:30am	Pastor Rusty Smith 9:30am	Pastor David Atkinson 9:30am	Pastor Jeff Amsbaugh 9:30am	Pastor Mike Edwards 9:30am
	Pastor Steve Love 7:00pm	Dr. Ed Nelson 7:00pm		Ev. Tom Farrell 7:00pm	Concert
	Dr. Ed Nelson 7:40pm	Pastor David Atkinson 7:40pm		Dr. Ed Nelson 7:40pm	Pastor David Atkinson 7:40pm
 DR. ED NELSON	<h2>MARCH 17-21</h2> <h1>SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE 2008</h1>				
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This is an age of "men followers." One of my greatest concerns is that the young men who graduate from Ambassador Baptist College may get enamored with personalities or movements that are man-centered. Isaiah 42:8 states, "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another..." Paul rebuked the Corinthians for being men followers and called them carnal. He was very forthright in condemning anyone who would exalt him rather than incarnate Truth.

On the other hand, some have left the ranks of fundamental Baptists because they have seen excesses in some. Because of a few, they stereotype all of us as being mean-spirited, imbalanced, and non-thinkers. Obviously there are those who would fit that description who call themselves fundamental Baptists; however, the men with whom I feel comfortable are those who are independent in their thinking. Their loyalties are not to a man, school, movement, or fellowship, but to the Bible. I was delighted to meet some men in Australia that fit that very description. I thoroughly enjoyed their fellowship.

Without exception, every graduate of Ambassador Baptist College who has departed from the philosophy that he was taught here has been influenced by personalities or by authors after whom he has read. He follows men or movements, but not the God of Truth, the Word of Truth or the Incarnate Truth.

The songwriter says, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

MEMORIAL

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Ms. Joan Sant in memory of
Mrs. Elsie K. Shufeldt

Mr. Jack Mosier in memory of
Paul and Minnie Russell



Master of Ministries Program



Ambassador Baptist College is pleased to announce a graduate program specifically designed for those who are already serving the Lord in full-time ministry. The 32-hour Master of Ministries program requires seven week-long modules and a master's thesis which are designed to give advanced training to preachers without requiring them to leave their ministries for an extended time. Pre-class assignments and post-classes projects are required for each class.

These modules are offered twice a year (usually January and June) and are worth four hours credit each. The core classes include Church History, The History of Fundamentalism, Ministry Philosophy and Ethics, Ministerial Counseling, and Advanced Apologetics. Each module is offered on a rotating basis. A student may complete his degree in three and one half years if he follows the cycle.

ABC graduates may enroll in the program if they have more than two years of ministry experience. Non ABC graduates may enroll if they have more than ten years of ministry experience, have a bachelor's degree, and are in agreement with Ambassador's philosophy/doctrinal statement.

If you would like more information about the M.Min. program, please email info@ambassadors.edu. For specific questions about enrollment, please contact our Academic Dean Dr. Charles Surret at csurret@ambassadors.edu.

Master of Ministries Module Course

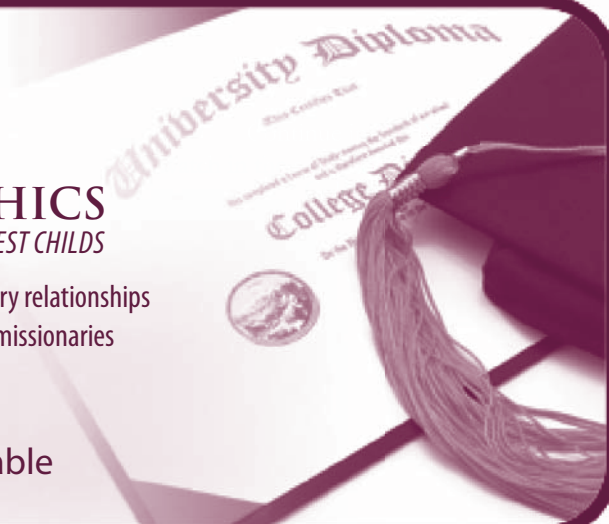
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During the course of sixty years Missionary Bob Cooper built a personal library that numbered in excess of 5,000 volumes. He began this labor in the late 1930's during his student days at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. After marriage to Margaret Boone in September of 1943, and two years of missionary medical training he headed for Malegaon, Maharashtra, India, in 1945, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the 425,000 Muslims who lived in that city. All the while the work of building his library continued. For 37 years Bob and Margaret toiled in God's harvest field, until poor health and government restrictions required their return to the United States in 1982; Bob was 68.

Although Bob and Margaret were removed from their beloved field of labor in India, a new and valuable ministry opened up for them in the states. Not only did they continue to challenge churches and believers for the cause of foreign missions, but also Bob became a great encourager of preachers in the building of their personal libraries. Many have been the times when a preacher would visit the Cooper's and depart from their home a few books richer, because of Bob's gift of books to him. Often he would buy a large quantity of some good book, so that he would have it on hand to give to the preachers he knew. And...all the while he continued to build his own personal library.

In February of 2007, after 63 years marriage, Margaret was called to her eternal reward. Since that time, Bob, now 92 years of age, has moved to an assisted living apartment in Iowa. Upon his move to this apartment it became necessary to sell the home in which he and Margaret had lived. Consequently, he and his five adult children decided that it was also time to part with the massive personal library he had taken six decades to build. Through contact with the family of several of our alumni, the Coopers gave this library of over 5,000 volumes to ABC. What the Cooper family did not know at the time is that this gift was a specific answer to the prayers of our faculty.

With the expansion of our Master's degree programs the need of an adequate Master's level research library became apparent. Our faculty had been praying privately for at least 1,500 volumes to start this research library. Only a short time after this, we received notice of the Coopers gift to us. With great gratitude we have been reminded that our heavenly Father knows what we have need of before we ask Him; furthermore, He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Not only is Ambassador Baptist College grateful for the many years of faithful missionary service the Coopers gave in India, but we are also honored by their investment of this library in the continued training of many more servants for God's service.

LASLEY HALL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Since our move to Lattimore in 1997, the Lord has graciously allowed us to upgrade our dormitory facilities. Three ladies dormitories were built and opened in 2000. Four years later, the Lord enabled us to build Turnage Hall, the first new men's dormitory. For several years, there has been a growing to need to build another dormitory to accommodate our male dormitory population.

Back in the spring of 2007, Dr. Comfort began praying that the Lord would provide \$300,000 for the construction of a new men's dormitory. Several months later, God answered that prayer and the planning stages began. While the plans went back and forth between the architect and the college, it was decided to name the new dormitory in honor of Gene Lasley, the pastor of Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church in Gray, TN. Pastor Lasley's faithfulness and love for God has been a wonderful example to our college family through the years. On October 18 th, 2007, a banquet was held at the church to honor Pastor and Mrs. Lasley and begin the fundraising process.

Since that time, the Lord has provided a total of \$440,000 for this project. The total projected cost for the new dorm is \$500,000. The goal is to raise the remaining \$60,000 by July so the project can be debt free. The ground has been broken at the new site and Lord willing, the dorm will be completed in time to be used for the fall 2008 semester.

Be sure to check out our new
BOOKSTORE ONLINE at
www.ambassadors.edu/Bookstore

Praise & Prayer

- * Men to participate in new M.Min program
- * \$60,000 needed for completion of Gene Lasley Hall
- * Completion of Lasley Hall by August 2008
- * Graduates who are church planters in America
- * God's blessing on Evangelist Dwight Smith and the college ensemble during Spring Tour
- * Donation of more than 5,000 volumes for the library by missionary Bob Cooper
- * Many year-end gifts for Gene Lasley Hall
- * Good number of new students for the spring semester
- * Local churches that support the college on a regular basis
- * Good opening revival meetings with Tom Farrell and Alton Beal

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE

RON COMFORT EVANGELISTIC TEAM

JANUARY - APRIL 2008

JANUARY

13-	Pastor Marshall Fant	Harvest Baptist Church	Rock Hill, SC	803-325-1120
20-25	Pastor Bill Lytell	Gospel Baptist Church	Bonita Springs, FL	239-947-1285

FEBRUARY

3-8	Pastor Greg McLaughlin	Calvary Baptist Church	Huntsville, AL	256-837-6873
10-	Pastor Mike Stratton	Faith Baptist Church	Laurens, SC	864-984-4277
16-22	Pastor Jim Bailey	Valley Baptist Church	Edinburg, VA	540-984-8665
24-	Pastor David Morris	Calvary Baptist Church	Scottsville, VA	434-286-2900

MARCH

2-7	Pastor Kevin Folger	Cleveland Baptist Church	Brooklyn, OH	216-671-2822
9-14	Pastor Michael Ascher	Bible Baptist Church	West Chester, PA	610-692-4492
16-	Pastor Steve Rogers	Grace Baptist Church	Oxford, PA	784-318-0949
30-Apr. 2	Pastor Mike Edwards	Heritage Baptist Church	Woodbridge, VA	703-680-6629

APRIL

3-4	Pastor Dan Reed	Harvest Baptist Church	Acworth, GA	770-974-9091
6-11	Pastor Frank Camp	Maranatha Baptist Church	Shelby, NC	704-477-9074
13-17	Pastor Bradley Smith	Bethel Baptist Church	Schaumburg, IL	847-885-3230
20-25	Pastor David Smith	Community Baptist Church	Quakertown, PA	215-541-1430
27-	Pastor Danny Linville	Faith Bible Church	Mount Joy, PA	717-631-8200



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FRIDAY, MARCH 7 (BANQUET)

Pastor Bill Dillon
Immanuel Baptist Church
2819 Douthat Road
Clifton Forge, VA 24422
540-871-2240

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 (BANQUET)

Pastor Greg Steinke
Bible Baptist Church
2071 Robert C. Byrd Highway
MacArthur, WV 25873
304-250-3012

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, A.M.

Pastor Rollan Roberts
Victory Baptist Church
504 Scott Ridge Road
Beaver, WV 25813
304-255-4535

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, P.M.

Pastor Kurt Skelly
Harvest Baptist Church
156 McCargo Street
New Kensington, PA 15068
724-337-0607

MONDAY, MARCH 10 (BANQUET)

Pastor Pastor Rick Arrowood
Troy Baptist Temple
691 Staunton Road
Troy, OH 45373
937-339-3207

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Pastor Tony Slutz
Thompson Road Baptist Church
1700 E. Thompson Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
317-783-3348

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Pastor David Pennington
Burge Terrace Baptist Church
9345 Brookville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46239
317-862-6109

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Pastor Denny Neal
Grace Baptist Church
2649 Q Avenue
New Castle, IN 47362
765-521-0143

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 (BANQUET)

Pastor Marc Monte
Faith Baptist Church
7090 US Highway 36
Avon, IN 46123
317-272-4632

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 (BANQUET)

Pastor Mike Norris
Franklin Road Baptist Church
3148 Franklin Road
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
615-890-0820

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, A.M.

Pastor Brent Baughman
Stanley Heights Baptist Church
3604 Ringgold Road
Chattanooga, TN 37412
423-622-3522

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, P.M.

Pastor Brent Armstrong
Oakwood Baptist Church
304 Pearman Dairy Road
Anderson, SC 29625
864-225-6262

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN

ABC FRIENDS BANQUET

Have you ever attended an ABC Friends Banquet? If not, you are missing a great time of food and fellowship! This March, several local churches will be hosting banquets to help people like you learn more about Ambassador Baptist College. The banquet provides a wonderful opportunity for pastors, parents, and prospective students to learn more about the college by meeting some students, hearing a sampling of college music, and learning the philosophy behind the founding of the college.

During the banquet, a delicious steak dinner is provided free of charge. After the meal, the 20 voice college ensemble provides several selections of special music. After the music, a presentation about the needs of the college is coupled with a challenge explaining the philosophy of Ambassador. At the conclusion of each banquet, a love offering for a special project is received.

All you have to do to attend is complete and mail a reservation ticket to reserve a space for you and your party. Please look at the dates and locations below to see if there is an ABC Friends Banquet in your area. To have a reservation ticket mailed to you, please contact the college at abeal@ambassadors.edu or call 704-434-0303.

Friday, March 7	6:30 pm.	Immanuel Baptist Church, Clifton Forge, VA
Saturday, March 8	6:00 p.m.	Bible Baptist Church, MacArthur, WV
Monday, March 10	6:30 p.m.	Troy Baptist Temple, Troy, OH
Friday, March 14	6:30 p.m.	Faith Baptist Church, Avon, IN
Saturday, March 15	6:00 p.m.	Franklin Road Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN

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Tri-City Baptist Church
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