



# GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE

## AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear Brethren:

Rejoice with us! We just completed our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missions Conference at Peachtree Baptist Church. Our main speaker was Dr. Bob Doom, Director of Global Baptist Mission, Asheville, NC. The very first annual conference established after I became pastor of the church was a missions conference. It has always been my foremost burden to keep our church actively involved in local and worldwide evangelism. We love missions and missionaries at Peachtree Baptist Church. Our primary goal is to glorify Jesus Christ in all our ministries, and one of the sure ways of accomplishing it is through the fulfillment of the Great Commission. We are blessed to have a host of pastors and missionaries serving as church planters around the world who have been sent out by Peachtree Baptist Church or trained at Georgia Baptist College. How humbling it is to hear their testimonies of God's abounding grace in their lives and ministries.

We put forth a special effort to emphasize Jewish missions during the conference. The general director of the International Board of Jewish Missions, Missionary Ed Frampton, was greatly used among us to do just that. In this day of "Replacement Theology" let it be known that we believe that God is not finished with Israel. That is clearly understood by those who "rightly divide" **Romans 9-11**. We are convinced that God's program in this dispensation is the local church. The "wall of partition" between the Jews and Gentiles has been torn down by God's sovereign grace, and now there is only one body--the Church of Jesus Christ. However, Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (**Romans 1:16**). It does not say "to the Jews **only**". However, neither does it teach us that we are to **neglect** the Jews. We are debtors to Israel in that God used them to give us our Scriptures and our Savior. God promised Abraham the Father of the nation of Israel, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (**Genesis 12:3**). My prayer and hope for America is that our new leadership in Washington, D.C. will lead our nation back to a place of blessing Israel. Meanwhile, we will "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (**Psalms 122:6**).

### **Middle East Baptist College & Seminary Module Scheduled for March 22-April 3, 2017**

Lord willing, Dr. Lescelius and I will be returning to Egypt in March to teach another seminary module in Alexandria. We will also spend time in Cairo where we will conduct a one day Pastoral Studies Seminar at the Bible College. I will be lecturing on Biblical Hermeneutics, and Dr. Lescelius will do an overview of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for traveling mercies and God's protection during our busy schedule of daily teaching and ministering God's word. Also, let me plead with you to pray and give as God directs you that the Lord will supply the **\$7,500** needed to cover our costs of travel, translators, printing of classroom materials, housing and meals for the students and professors. Your gift of any size toward this project is both appreciated and needed. Please be assured your investment in the training of these God called preachers will pay off in eternal benefits. It

advances the kingdom of God by equipping these men to be biblically sound church planters who will reach precious souls for Christ.

### November 2016 MEBS Commencement

At the close of our last module in November, it was our great privilege to graduate eight (8) more men who had successfully completed the Master of Arts in Theology Degree program. Rejoice with us that four (4) of these dear brethren are from Sudan. It is truly a blessing to know that they are now back in Sudan preaching the Gospel. This is particularly exciting in light of the fact that



Sudan is a closed nation to all missionary outreach. Please remember to pray for the churches in Sudan, because they are presently undergoing great persecution from the Muslims. One of the Sudanese graduates was unable to attend the ceremony because of this persecution.

### Possible Translation & Publication Ministry

It has become apparent to those of us who are engaged in biblical and theological education in the Middle East, that there is a great deficiency in doctrinally sound Arabic text books and commentaries. On our last trip to Egypt in November, I was privileged to meet Brother Sameh Grace. He is a gifted Egyptian Christian translator and editor who is committed to minister to the cause of Jesus Christ in the Arabic speaking world by aiding ministries like ours with the work of translating text books and pastor study helps. This has been a long time burden of mine. I know that doctrinally sound textbooks in Arabic will expedite the equipping of God's servants and the expansion of His Church. With your prayer and financial support of this project I truly believe it will make a great difference.

Lord willing, upon our return to Egypt, I plan to meet with Brother Sameh and discuss as our first project, the possibility of his translating and editing Dr. Lescelius' Systematic Theology lectures on Pneumatology. Afterwards, we will continue translating and hopefully publishing all of Dr. Lescelius' Systematic Theology lectures and other biblical studies by different authors as God leads. We will keep you updated. We hope you will continually pray for God's leadership and blessing upon this project.

I can honestly say with the Apostle Paul, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (**1 Corinthians 16:9**). Thank you for loving the Lord Jesus and His ministries by financially and prayerfully supporting us. With this great and effectual door comes many adversaries, and without your support we cannot accomplish the work God has given us.

Yours for missions,

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