

## One More Major Hurdle (cont'd)

facility will help mark the Baptists in Egypt as a significant body of churches with stability. The purchase of this facility will require a **small miracle of God!** The builder has agreed to give his \$750,000 investment to **The Independent Baptist Churches of Egypt**. Part of our agreement is that we will pay him the \$350,000 balance needed to complete the new building. I am asking you to join me in raising the funds needed to buy this complex for **The Independent Baptist Churches of Egypt**. This new facility will include space for a church auditorium on the ground floor. **Church planting is God's priority. Therefore, we make it our priority.** The ground floor has been preapproved by the building authorities for a Baptist church. The remainder of the building will give adequate space for offices, classrooms, library, student dorms, kitchen and lunchroom. The basement is designed to function as the building's parking lot.

## The Terms of Agreement

The seller has agreed to sell this new facility to us for **\$350,000 (US dollars)**, interest free, to be paid over a three and a half year period of time. He has further promised with the help of **The Independent Baptist Churches of Egypt** to finish and maintain the facility in the future. Since it is becoming the property of **The Independent Baptist Churches of Egypt** it will be their responsibility to maintain not only the program of education but the facility. To date, you will rejoice to know that twenty-five (25) of these Egyptian Baptist Churches are already supporting this ministry on a monthly basis.



## I WANT TO INVEST IN THIS MINISTRY

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check or money order payable to **Georgia Baptist College and earmarked for MEBC&S building**. Online giving is also available through PayPal. See the "Giving" tab at [www.peachtreebaptist.org](http://www.peachtreebaptist.org). All donations are tax deductible.

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- I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the new home of MEBC&S.
- I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the \$1,700 monthly, operational expenses of MEBC&S.
- I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the expense of the tri-annual modules which cost approximately \$7,500 per module.

If you would like more information about any of our ministries, please contact us at: 770-599-6888 or [peachtreeseecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:peachtreeseecretary@hotmail.com).

**Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy ministry.**

Middle East Baptist College & Seminary is a ministry and division of Georgia Baptist College & Theological Seminary, Senoia, GA.

## Good News: "A Token for Good"

*"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).*

Rejoice with us that we have been able to pay \$130,000 toward this \$350,000 interest free three and a half year mortgage. Surely, if God has sent in over one third of this total amount, He will finish the project!

My prayer is that God will touch the hearts of our faithful supporters to be a part of this great work for God. Thank God for the large donors, but everyone giving sacrificially is God's way of accomplishing His purposes. Time is of the essence. Please help us today by sending your very best gift as an investment in the training of Baptist preachers of the gospel for the Middle East.



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# An Unique Opportunity in the Middle East

A Great and Effectual Door  
Has Opened Unto Us



*"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2*

# Introducing THE MIDDLE EAST BAPTIST COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



**Dr. David W. Dickerson**  
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Georgia Baptist College and Seminary and  
Middle East Baptist College and Seminary



**Dr. Robert H. Lescelius**  
Academic Vice President  
Georgia Baptist College and Seminary and  
Middle East Baptist College and Seminary

As most of you know, I have spent the greater part of my life pastoring Peachtree Baptist Church of Senoia and training young people for the gospel ministry. I actually started pastoring the church in November, 1973, while I was finishing my seminary education. It was in the fall of 1978 that God was pleased to breathe upon our church family with a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival. The meetings continued for more than four weeks resulting in the transformation of our local church. It put our ministries on a trajectory of biblical education. Believing as Jonathan Edwards taught that revival is a principle of salvation history, we established our annual Heart Cry for Revival Camp Meeting to promote revival truth. Also resulting from the 1978 revival was the starting of our Academy (K-12) and Bible Institute which grew by 1980 into a full blown Bible College and Theological Seminary.

In 1983 God added Dr. Robert H. Lescelius to our faculty and leadership. He has served these many years as the Academic Vice President of Georgia Baptist College and Seminary. We rejoice also in the many godly faculty members God has added to us down through the years.

My burden for educating and training of national pastors dates back to the 1980's. In 1982 I was privileged to go to Egypt and India. In both countries, I returned about every two years for the purpose of teaching national pastors. We have been blessed to have a part in the establishing of ministerial training schools in both Egypt and India. We actively assisted Dr. Emmanuel Damara (1995 GBTS graduate) with the establishing of the Grace Community Baptist Church and the Pastors College of Secunderabad, India. Under the tremendous leadership of Dr. Damara, the Pastors College has trained and sent out over one hundred and fifty (150) graduates who are serving throughout India as church planters.

## The Beginning of the Middle East Baptist College and Seminary

In 2001 I was approached by a number of Baptist pastors in Kuwait with the possibility of my helping them start a Baptist Theological seminary in their country. After formally meeting with certain of their religious and political leaders, our request was denied. It was immediately after this disappointing experience that Dr. Lazarus Benjamin suggested we seek to establish the seminary in Alexandria, Egypt. On that same trip to the Middle East, arrangements were made for me to meet with the Director of the Evangelical Alliance and Minister of Education in Cairo to request permission to start a Baptist seminary in Alexandria. Our request was for the purpose of establishing the very first seminary in Egypt to offer Master level studies for pastors and Christian workers. Our goal is to prepare God called preachers to be thoroughly biblical in doctrine and practice. The program is especially designed to prepare spiritual leaders, who rightly divide the Word of God, understanding the necessity of expository preaching, biblical evangelism and church planting.



God gave us favor with the Egyptian authorities, and we were granted approval to start the Middle East Baptist Seminary in Alexandria. The first seminary module was conducted in March, 2003 with an initial enrollment of sixty-five (65) students. The news quickly spread throughout the Middle East, and the second module enjoyed an enrollment of one hundred and fifteen (115) students. To date we have graduated seventy-six (76) students who have earned their masters degree. Among these graduates a great number of them are presently enrolled in doctoral programs. Many of these men are now taking up teaching responsibilities in the MEBC&S (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

Because of the obvious need of an undergraduate program offering bachelor degrees, several of our seminary graduates under our supervision in 2012 started the Middle East Baptist College in Cairo. The Bible College operates year round with an average of 30 students. A lack of classroom space has restricted their growth. The first combined commencement service for both the Bible College and Seminary occurred in November 2017. This was the first commencement for the Bible College. Rejoice with us! There were ten (10) Bible College students that graduated and seven (7) seminarians.

## MEBC&S Accomplishments

The MEBC&S have been fully approved by the Evangelical Alliance and the Egyptian Parliament.

In 2017 the Evangelical Accreditation Council of Egypt awarded full accreditation to the MEBC&S.

At our 2017 commencement service representatives from the Egyptian Parliament read a three page citation declaring MEBC&S "The most outstanding Theological School" in Egypt

MEBC&S has established reciprocity with many recognized Christian colleges and seminaries throughout the Middle East. Also, we might add that a great number of our seminary graduates are presently working on their doctorates at Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS).

Seventy-six (76) MEBS graduates and twenty-five (25) MEBC graduates are actively involved in church planting ministries throughout the Middle East.

Some of our seminary graduates, who have completed their doctoral studies, are now taking over the daily administrative and teaching responsibilities of the MEBC&S. You will rejoice also to know that they have successfully started an extension of the MEBC&S in South Sudan.

## One More Major Hurdle

Our Bible College and Seminary in Egypt must have a permanent facility. Under the new leadership of President el-Sisi, the door has been "slightly opened" for Christians to advance the cause of Christ in Egypt. While Islam is still hostile toward us, this new Egyptian government is allowing opportunities for us to be more permanently organized and recognized. We must "redeem the time" while we have this "effectual door" opened unto us.

Recently our Baptist churches have organized themselves into **The Independent Baptist Churches of Egypt, Ltd.** This does not do away with the autonomy of each local Baptist church but rather gives us strength in unity before the Egyptian Parliament.

After much prayer, I have agreed to take on the responsibility of raising **\$350,000** to purchase a new four story building located in a secure and modern area of Cairo. It is located approximately 30 minutes from the Cairo International Airport, and it is easily accessed by public transportation from all over Cairo.

At the time of our purchase agreement, the owner/builder had invested approximately **\$750,000 US dollars** in this new facility. The owner/builder is a Christian businessman who loves the Lord Jesus and the Middle East Baptist College & Seminary. In fact, his pastor is one of our seminary graduates. This brother is a very liberal giver, and his desire is for the facility to become the home of Middle East Baptist College & Seminary. Such a

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