

FGBIAA NEWS



Free Gospel Bible Institute Alumni Association Newsletter

July 2017

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been my honest desire to send out some form of communication long before now, *in fact, since the close of Alumni Convention in October 2016!* I take full responsibility for the delay, however I would beg your patience since my schedule has stretched me really thin over the past 12 months with extensive travel both domestically and internationally. I am currently working to make good on longstanding commitments to travel to Nigeria for the first time and return for my third trip to Kenya this fall — all while keeping my first commitment to the church where I pastor, and serving locally as the senior Law Enforcement Chaplain for our Sheriff's Department. Consequently, maintaining the responsibility of president of our Alumni Association seems to sift to the bottom of the list, and for that I apologize. I humbly ask for your prayers and pledge to you that I will do better. I hope you will take the time to read through this entire newsletter, and I promise to touch base again soon! **MAJ**

FGBIAA Officers

Michael A Johnson
President

Aaron Hough
Vice President

Ricky Derocher
Secretary

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Treasurer

Alumni Convention –October 5-6, 2017

SAVE THE DATE!! Alumni Convention is right around the corner with the promise of great fellowship *and* great preaching from two fine alumni from the great State of Ohio! Our Thursday night speaker is **Brother Kevin Allen** who is pioneering a church, *Calvary Pentecostal Lighthouse*, in Middletown. **Brother Matt Jones** is our Friday night speaker, and he pastors *Broadway Assembly* in Lorain. *It is going to be a great convention.* We will also have the seminar sessions during the day on Friday with various special speakers on a variety of topics. We hope to see you there!



Bro. & Sis. Kevin Allen

Alumni Convention 2017

Thursday, October 5
7:00 pm — *Bro. Kevin Allen*

Friday, October 6
7:00 pm — *Bro. Matt Jones*



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We Hope to See you there!

Fellowship after service both nights!

CLASS OF 2017



Another class finishes their course at FGBI. They have endured to the end. The teaching they received is only a small start to the task before them — *if each of them continue a pursuit of ministry. We welcome them to our Alumni Association* and wish them well with this thought, that you will only be what God desires you to be in direct proportion to your willingness to study and pray. Those of us who have made it for years have discovered that some of the best things we learned and the best habits we formed were those outside the classroom in a place of solitude with God on our knees.

CLASSROOM PROJECT EXTENDED

EXCITING NEWS! It was pointed out in our last business meeting that the amount of funds raised for the classrooms resulted in the **highest amount of money raised for an alumni project in recent years!** As you may recall, our goal was to raise **\$10,000** for the initial phase of demolition of the old white church. The building has set unused and unsafe for so many years, and removing it was a necessary step before construction could be started of new classrooms on the same spot. The amount was a step of faith by those present in the meeting, but with some motivation from our alumni president and words of encouragement from several others, it was decided that we go for it. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor. Though we didn't hit our goal of \$10 thousand, the amount given was encouraging because it exceeded the amount brought in for much smaller projects recently! *For that we praise God!*

It was moved and decided to carry the project over into this year in an effort to raise the balance of funds. We are not quite half way to the \$10,000 goal, and with the late distribution of this newsletter, we must move quickly. **Would you please consider giving your best offering toward this project?** If you gave last year, would you contribute again? If everyone gives their very best, the goal will be met. ***Just think... Where the Gospel was preached so many years ago, Gospel preachers will now be trained on the same spot!***

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

Remember to send in your dues (\$15 single/\$25 couple), and your project offerings to: FGBIAA, Attn: Victoria Hough, 6525 Italy Road, Export, PA 15632. You may also conveniently use Paypal on the Alumni Web Page!

\$10,000



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Mia Ann Randall
born January 17, 2017
(Cody & Hannah Randall)



Malachi Jude Hough
born July 6, 2017
(Aaron & Victoria Hough)

INFORMATION PLEASE

There is a link on the FGBIAA Website that provides an opportunity for you to send announcements to be included in our newsletter. Please follow that link, or send to rickyderocher@yahoo.com.

Alumni on the Field

Active in the Harvest



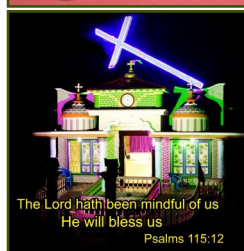
We were so honored to travel to minister at *Faith Bible Institute* in the Philippines in October just after Alumni Convention. It was such a blessing to work with **Bro. Mike** (1978) & **Sis. Lu-ann** (1979) **Petit** (*Free Gospel Missions*) and to witness firsthand the wonderful work they are doing over there. Our trip was not cut short, but the convention was because of a signal 4 typhoon that made a direct hit on the Bible School.



We were also privileged to touch down in Taiwan on our return trip to visit with **Bro. Cody** (2010) & **Sis. Hannah** (2009) **Randall** (*Randall Missions*). They are doing a wonderful work for the Lord in Taiwan! It was a treat to see **Veronica Munford** (2013) who was working with them over there. Not only did we enjoy the fellowship, but we were able to visit the clinic of George Mackay, first Protestant missionary to Taiwan! MAJ

International Alumni Update

Noel Victor Choutapalli (2012), from India, did not allow the grass to grow under his feet, but got busy since graduating five years ago. His father's church, *Mizpah Evangelistic Church*, had been destroyed, and he made it his personal project to oversee it being rebuilt. After much work and financial help from churches in the USA, he was able to see it completed and then filled to capacity with seeking souls! He continued his studies and received his Doctorate in Philosophy and is very active in ministry. His brother is planning to come to FGBI this coming Fall semester!



Attention Please

If you are aware of anyone who is a part of our FGBI Alumni, but they are not receiving our emails, please be so kind as to contact me at **thtpastor@gmail.com** so that I may personally make every attempt to fix this problem. *Thanks so much for your help!*



BE FAITHFUL

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Hebrews 6:10



Well Done! Bro. Lyle Berg Sr.

August 10, 1949—March 8, 2017

Many of us best remember Bro. Berg (Class of 1979) and his family for their service as Free Gospel missionaries for ten years in the Philippines, but he also faithfully served for many more years as pastor of Bethel Pentecostal Church in Petersburg, WV. After a tough fight with cancer, he was finally promoted to eternal life on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sis. Linda Berg, their children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. While he is missed, he is not forgotten, and we can meet him again in the resurrection!