



In Loving Memory of Pastor Bill Wingard

"The memory of the just is blessed."

April 2021

PASTOR BILL WINGARD

March 27, 1934 - March 12, 2021

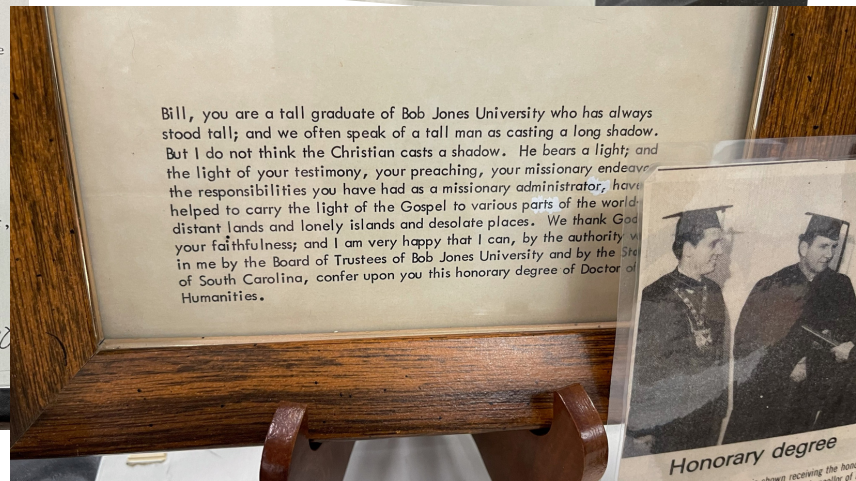
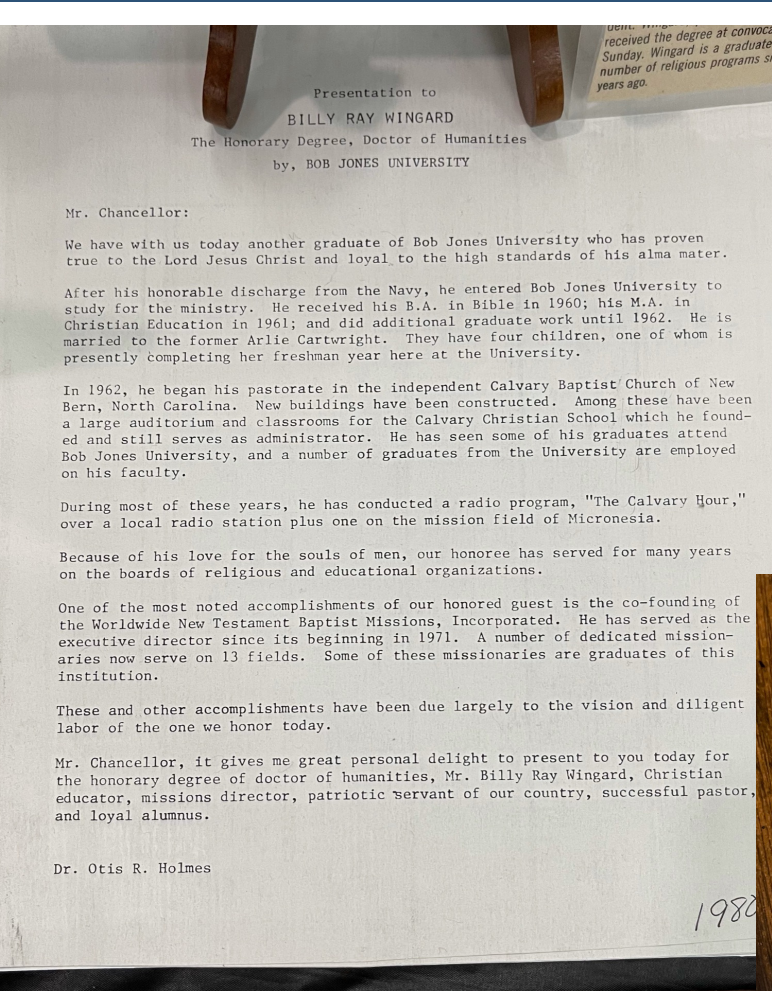
Billy Ray Wingard was born to John Earl and Sallie Wingard in Langley, SC, on March 27, 1934. He was one of four children. He was saved at the age of 21 while serving as a Navy Corpsman attached to the 1st Marine Division in Norfolk, VA. He married Arlie Cartwright on September 16, 1955. Together they raised four children: Billy, Jan, Pam, and Patti.



*"The
horizontal
view of our life
may not be
good, but the
vertical view
is wonderful."*

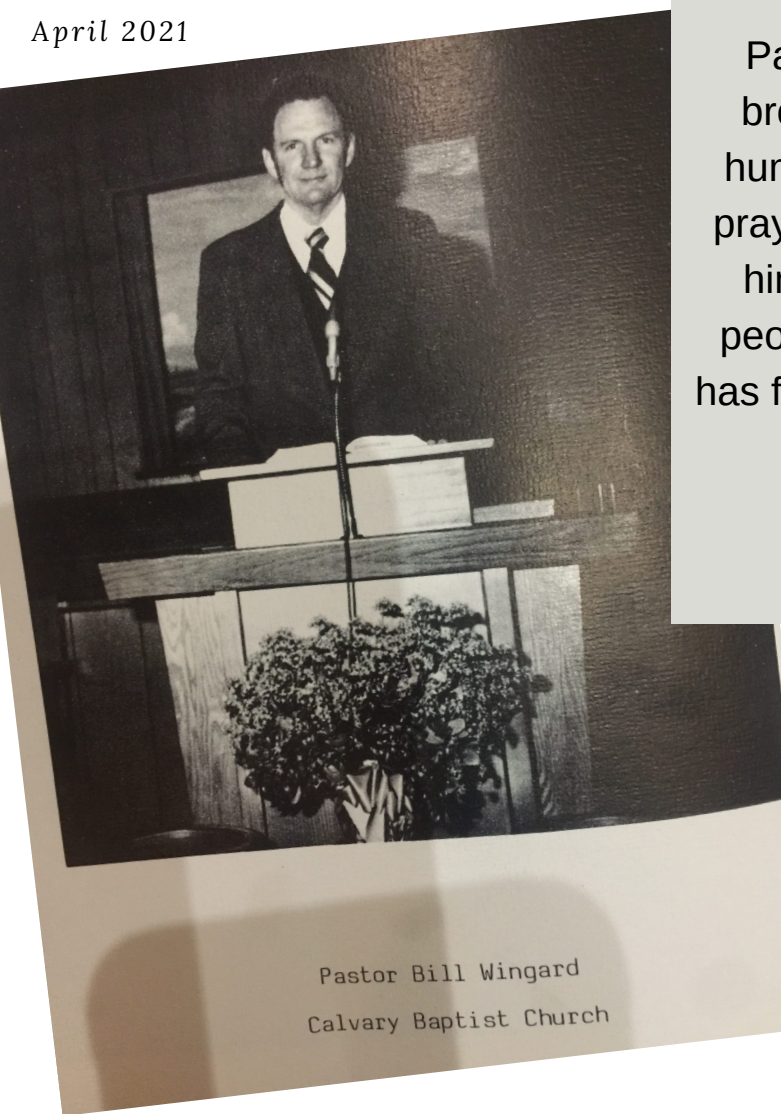
SERMON:
THE
ETERNAL
WEIGHT
OF GLORY

Bro. Wingard attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, where he earned both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree. He later received an honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Bob Jones University and a Doctorate of Divinity from Heritage College of Orlando, FL.



“A lot can be accomplished by education or association, but nothing takes the place of a relationship with God.”

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Pastor Bill Wingard
Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor Wingard was my pastor, my friend, my brother in Christ and so much more. He was a humble man who gave beyond expectation, and prayed at every turn even when you didn't expect him to; that was just Pastor Wingard's love for people and their needs. He is a gold nugget who has finished his course and is now comforted in the arms of the Lord.

-Robin Rogers

Pastor Wingard was one of the most Godly men I have ever met. Two of my grandchildren attended Calvary School where they were saved and baptized. He also came to my house one day to see my son to witness to, but we weren't home so later in the day he came back. He said Shaun was put on his heart. There in my front room, Shaun was witnessed to and saved and will be seeing Pastor today. They are both in heaven together. I am so blessed to have known him and his wonderful family. He will be greatly missed.

-Judi McNeese

My first exposure to God, was thru Calvary and this man while riding the Calvary bus to church! My parents were unsaved at the time, and thru Calvary and Preacher Bill I was ministered to as a young child. I love him and his family and he will be sorely missed! He is one man I could listen to preach and never tire of hearing!!!

-Lisa Fields

***"My only prayer is that
when God has given me a
work I have not refused it."***

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He became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in New Bern, NC in 1962, and later began the Calvary Baptist Church School in 1969. Under his leadership, the church has assisted in several church plants and is also home to MissionAero, which serves missionaries through aviation. In addition, he founded "The Calvary Hour," which is a daily radio broadcast.

**SERMON:
FAMILY
FELLOWSHIP
WEEK 2016**

***"God never sends,
He always leads."***

In the early 1970's after meeting missionaries using aircraft, hearing of needs, I was interested in seeing someone start an Aviation Ministry in a fundamental Baptist mission, or college. I had talked with a mission board and a Bible college... they were interested but did not feel that they wanted the undertaking.

On a quiet Sunday afternoon I called Pastor Bill at home... I had heard that he had a Piper Cherokee 235 aircraft, and being a pilot and flight instructor I wanted to ask him about it, and how he was using it. We had a great time talking about the Lord and flying. As we talked I mentioned my burden about training missionary pilots... missionaries that wanted to use an aircraft in very remote parts of the world, also to be able to support them with aircraft parts, and assist them at times on the field with maintenance and flying.

He was INTERESTED! He asked if I could come to New Bern and share that burden with the men on a Tuesday in a WWNTBM Board. meeting. I readily agreed... and after meeting with them a couple of times, Pastor Wingard asked if we would pray about coming to New Bern to start an aviation ministry, and said "that the man with the burden would be the best man for the job". I said yes I would pray... but I felt unqualified to do that myself. After much prayer and some opposition from you know who... we said yes we would do so if we passed the Board's examination. We did so in November of 1973, moved to New Bern in September of 1974 and Mission Aeroservices was born. We have seen miracle after miracle, even amid times of testing, and God's faithful hand of supply. If it had not been for my big brother, Pastor Bill Wingard, I might never had gone into full time service, and might have missed the LORD.

-Jack Hunt

SERMON
SERIES:
THE SEASONS
OF LIFE



I first “met” Brother Bill as I listened to FBN on mornings as I traveled to pick up my grandson to take care of for the day. I liked Brother Bill’s preaching and contacted him.

Although I never met him in person (we exchanged several emails), I considered him a friend and knew him as a brother-in-Christ. He was a blessing to me!

-Karl Priest



"Some of our greatest opportunities to serve the Lord come unexpectedly."



In February of 1964, while sitting in a barbershop, the LORD used a Saturday Evening Post article to burden his heart for the Micronesian Islands. He began to pray and research ways to get the Gospel to the people of these forgotten islands. He surrendered to go to Micronesia as a missionary, but the LORD did not give him peace. He continued to pray for Micronesia for seven years and enlisted other preachers to do the same.





In February 1971, the LORD opened the door for Dr. Wingard to found the World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions Agency along with Russell Bell, Clyde Eborn, and Robert Winstead. He served as the Chairman of the Board for fifty years, during which time WWNTBM has assisted 300 missionaries in more than 65 countries. What began as a desire to reach a few small islands in the Pacific Ocean has grown to spread the Gospel literally around the world.



"God has a way of bringing dry bones together. The situation may look hopeless but God knows dry bones can live. Keep doing your part and God can breath on the dry bones and give them His glory."



In his own words:
An interview with Pastor Wingard
about the founding of WWNTBM



I have known Bill Wingard for nearly thirty years, and there is not enough room for me to express my thoughts and recollections of one of the greatest Christian men I have ever known. He was a godly mentor and a dear friend who always had time to talk, counsel, and encourage. When I first met Brother Wingard, I had no idea that I would eventually serve the Lord in Micronesia for twenty years. During those years, I would on occasion find myself calling him for advice and counsel, and he always took the time to help and encourage this insignificant missionary. He never seemed to be bothered and showed a genuine interest in my welfare. He was a gentleman of the highest degree, and I will never forget his bold stand on Biblical principles and his humble walk before God and man. As most folks know, he was a rather tall man, but he stood much taller in my eyes with his dedication and focus on the ministry into which God called him. He will be sorely missed. His wisdom, his counsel, his advice, his humor, and his godly testimony will never be forgotten. He was in my eyes one of the choicest servants of God to ever walk the paths of this needy world and did all he could to address those needs. Farewell, my dear brother. We will miss you, but thank God, we will see you again some day.

-Scott Norman

"Our lives are not an accident. If we are walking with the Lord, anything we face is in His providence."

We, the Kumars, thank God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us the privilege to meet Dr. Bill Wingard. [He was a] great visionary concerning World Wide Missions in 1986. God has used him to blaze trails worldwide in planting New Testament Biblical Baptist Churches. Thank God for his missionary spirit and to him that loved us with an everlasting love and in loving kindness called us unto himself. He has been a Godly friend through the years.

[He was a] man of great integrity and high competence in expounding the Inspired word of God. We do not harbour sorrow at Dr. Bill Wingard passing away into the presence of Christ. Being a Biblical Baptist, however, our hearts go out to Mrs. Wingard during this time of bereavement.

We stand by you in your time of grief. We pray that almighty will provide strength to you and the rest of the family to cope with the absence. Indeed he is present with the Lord. Now we have our treasure in heaven. Hosea 14:9 states, "The ways of the Lord are right." Prophet Isaiah states in 55:8, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways my ways." Such being the case, acceptance is needed in loss and pain.

May our Triune God Elohim grant HIS grace to accept the ways of the Lord to endure it. Occasionally spasms of sorrow still flash across our mind like lightning. The baton has been passed on to his World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions family and his World Wide Missionaries in The Lord to continue the race with the same fervour and enthusiasm.

**The Kumars,
Bangalore – INDIA**



***"God never
sends, He
always leads."***

**SERMON:
WHEN JESUS
COMES TO
CHURCH**



**"Be sensitive to situations God puts in
your life. The greatest burning bush
experiences come unexpectedly."**

A memory of Pastor Wingard, chronicled in my life, goes back to the year 1999. I was then a seminary student at Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary, Virginia Beach, VA. It is now 22 years and I have not forgotten what Pastor Wingard taught me in that brief visit. I was lodged in his home. At the supper table that evening he graciously invited me to join him on a hospital visit the next morning. The next morning I was ready, and so was he with great excitement. Before we left the house Pastor Wingard said- Brother Enoch let's pray. He prayed. We walked out to his car together and as we seated ourselves he prayed for journey mercies. In our short travel to the hospital, he talked to me about the importance of prayer in the life of a believer. Upon arriving at the hospital he prayed again and thanked the Lord for safety on the road. As we approached the hospital entrance, he prayed again asking the Lord for help as he ministered. At the hospital bed he prayed. Before leaving the room he prayed. This continued until we returned home. On that day I saw a man who genuinely and sincerely loved to talk to the Lord

Christ has conquered the awful enemy death and given us eternal hope. He has taken the sting out – we sorrow, but not in hopelessness.

Proverbs 14:32 says "...the righteous hath hope in his death."

Pastor Wingard has been delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. He now knows the bliss and glory of Heaven in the real and unhindered presence of Jesus Christ where there is no more sickness, suffering, sorrow or pain.

May the Spirit of God send waves of comfort, hope, peace and assurance to your hearts and sustain and strengthen in the face of this temporary absence.

Enoch Kumar
Missionary to India

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Wingard had the privilege to preach in the Caribbean, the Philippines, and the islands of the western Pacific, including Majuro, Pohnpei, and Guam. He also had the honor of visiting Christians and preaching in Romania, India, Canada, and throughout the United States. He had a passion for reaching the lost and for encouraging others in their service.



I cannot forget the day when I was interviewed to be accepted as a missionary with WWNTBM. It was June 2006 when this giant of faith entered the room and challenged me with pastoral and biblical questions. I thought, "I am destroyed."

But when I asked him a question and how he answered in a humble way. I said and am still saying, "Lord I want to be like this man, your servant."

Through the years, we met at family weeks, chatted on Facebook, corresponded by email. He was an inspirational leader and mentor to me. He helped me to change many things. Thank you, Dr. Bill Wingard.

At the end, words cannot give him his right. He was like his Master.

-Ghassan H.

His humble life and leadership made a great impact in my life and ministries through World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. By God's grace, I was able to meet Pastor Wingard in 2011 at Calvary Baptist Church for the first time. He gave me the privilege to preach in two languages (English and Burmese). What a great man of God! He will be greatly missed!

-Abraham R.

***"Be faithful to plow and plant,
and if God is gracious to you be
ready to harvest."***



I once heard a man mockingly speak ill of Pastor Wingard saying, "All he has at that church is a rescue mission for preachers."

Well, I took that as a compliment! Pastor Wingard was about the Gospel and helping those in need, even fellow pastors. What a giant of the faith he was!

-Fred Daniel, Jr.



We thank God for Brother Wingard and for what he has done to glorify his Savior. (Proverb 10:7) "The memory of the just is blessed"

-Milad K.



"Graciousness" is the word that rings out in our hearts as we think of Pastor Wingard. God used this saint to touch our lives in countless ways. Many were the times when, by his godly walk, this man taught us true Christian living. He was a good soldier, a caring friend, and a great example for us to follow. It was a tremendous privilege to have had the opportunity to know Pastor Bill Wingard.

-Ernest & Darlene Bauserman

SERMON: MEETING THE MAN

Preacher Bill was known as a humble servant of his LORD. His life principle was to “serve faithfully in his present season of life.” He exemplified this principle in his care for his family, Calvary Baptist Church, and the ministry of WWNTBM. His life was an example of Christian piety, gentlemanliness, compassion, charity, counsel, and kindness. He had a quiet strength and discernment and the ability to make others feel at ease even in times of great distress. He was a prayer warrior who would often pause to pray about a need mentioned in the conversation.

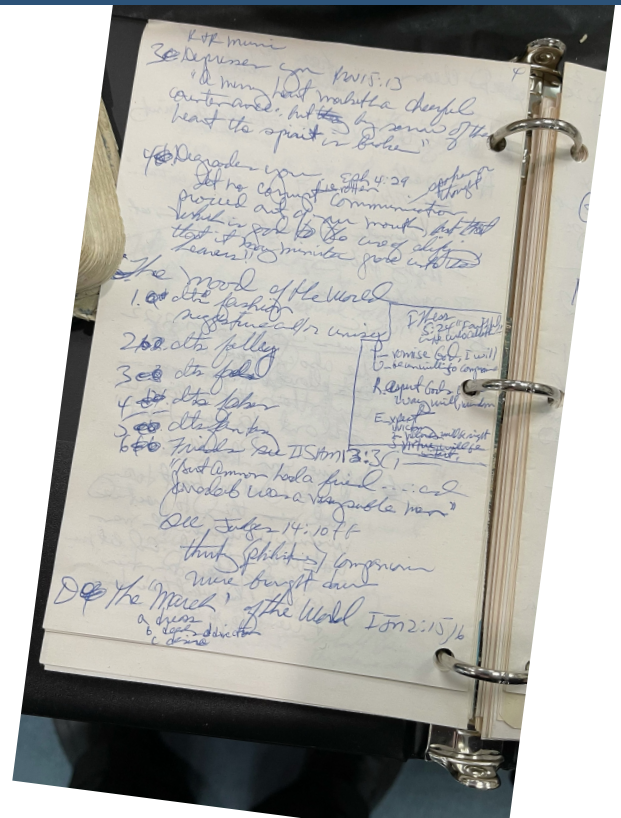
Pastor Wingard was a dear friend from the first day we met. Each time we were together he was just as he was the first day we met – having that servant's heart as only he could have and being an encouragement to us just as he was that first day we met in New Bern, NC at the old WW office. He would call us or send a card in the mail, or just send us a text at just the right time. We would be going through some trial or sickness and he would be there in prayer. It was a wonderful privilege to have known him and to be able to serve with him spreading the Gospel to a lost world.

If there is one thing that sticks in my mind about Pastor Wingard, it is that if you or someone else came up to him and asked him if he would pray for someone or some need, he would stop, no matter where he was or what he was doing and pray for that request right there. He was a true servant and will truly be missed.

But I am looking forward to seeing him soon.

Nancy and I are praying for that peace and comfort that only God can give for his family and church family.

-Ernie Wyrick



"We are not servants by birth, training, or education. It is our response and choice of our heart to respond to God and others."

Two weeks after our wedding, Joel and I made our way to Family Fellowship Week at Memorial Baptist Church in Florida. While attending the sessions that week, Dr. Wingard had a problem with his rental car and needed a ride. I was so nervous to have the founder of the board in our car! Yet, he treated us with such grace and I remember feeling like he was so respectful of us even as brand new newlyweds. When we returned to the hotel after the last session he was attending, Dr. Wingard invited us into his room to sit on his bed and asked us, "Now, what can I do for you?"

How can I pray for you?" I remember being overwhelmed by his humility. This man didn't even truly know us and we were just starting out, and yet he took the time to love and pray for us as though we were his own children.

That was four years ago, and we never had a lot of time with him following that brief prayer meeting in his hotel room, but his model of humble leadership has forever impacted us.

May God grant comfort to those loved ones he left behind. I am so thankful to have had the privilege to know him. What a wonderful servant of God. Heaven is all the sweeter.

-Noel Smothers

"The yoke God gives you will fit and the load He puts on your wagon you will be able to pull with His grace. If the yoke you wear does not fit it is not God-given. If your load is too heavy it is a load someone else has put on you."



I could say many things, but I'll just say what I've told everyone I've met since meeting Pastor Wingard. He was the greatest example of a Christian that I have ever had the honor of knowing. He was my friend and my brother in Christ and one day we'll meet again. Until then I'll honor him in my service to Christ. Love you, Pastor Wingard.

-Sammy McNeill

On March 12, 2021, following a brief battle with cancer, “Preacher Bill” entered into the joy of his LORD. In one of his last messages to Calvary Baptist Church, he mentioned meditating on Psalm 91. The psalmist closed with a promise that was fulfilled in Dr.

Wingard’s life. “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.”



"It's ok to go out by death or disease, but may God help us not to go out by desertion."

He is survived by his wife, Arlie Wingard; his children, Billy (Grace) Wingard, Jan (Anthony) Raynor, Pam Albert, and Patti (Jim) Spencer; his brother, Stanley (Carol) Wingard; as well as 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents John Earl and Sallie Wingard; his brother Doug (Bea) Wingard; and his sister Mildred (Billy) Twilley.



***"If you lose your family
you will lose your
ministry."***





Memorial Service - March 19, 2021

***"It is not over for us
until God calls us
home. Stay in the
saddle until it is over."***



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Pastor Wingard, [click
here.](#)**

He's Home at Last!

Safe Home at last! O say not he has died.
His soul has only crossed the swelling tide,
And Heaven's gates for him have opened wide -
He's Home at last!

A true and valiant warrior of the Faith,
Proclaiming Christ e'en with his latest breath,
Has laid his armor down - call it not death -
He's Home at last!

He now beholds, with eyes undimmed by tears,
The face of Him Who through the passing years
Has been his stay, dispelling doubt and fears -
He's Home at last!

And though his going leaves a void within
Our lonely hearts, we can rejoice with him.
His race is run, Heaven's glory he hath seen -
He's Home at last!

At Home with those on earth he loved so well
Who now within the walls of jasper dwell.
Oh bliss beyond all mortal power to tell!
He's Home at last!

Life's sun for him is set, but oh the glow
That long will linger o're this world of woe
Because he lived and labored here below!
He's Home at last!

- author unknown