

WHY WE CHANGED OUR WEBSITE HOST

Our website has been powered by CrownWeb from the beginning. CrownWeb is affiliated with Temple Baptist Church, a Fundamental Baptist Church in Powell, Tenn. It is pastored by Clarence Sexton. Of course, we have no affiliation with Temple Baptist, we merely “hired” them to produce our website. However, in the light of recent events, which I will describe, we can no longer have any association with them lest it be assumed by some that we condone what is being promoted by Clarence Sexton and Temple Baptist. The following information is taken from a number of sources.

A NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED BY CLARENCE SEXTON. Recently, Clarence Sexton announced the formation of a new Baptist association – the Independent Baptist Friends International. While the stated purpose is the furtherance of the Gospel, I find no such association of churches in the New Testament. Church “associations,” “fellowships” always tend to go downhill because the tendency is to get bigger and this just about always involves compromise. Just look at history! This whole thing is a desire for bigness; I read of several (and there are probably many more) churches that were listed as members whose pastors disclaimed any connection with IBFI.

A COMMON BUT SERIOUS WEAKNESS – OR I SHOULD SAY EVIL. At the first meeting, Sexton and other speakers said that any criticism of other members was not to be tolerated. If a fellow member is doing evil or teaches false doctrine, he is not to be publicly exposed. One speaker said, “Never criticize any man who is trying to get people saved.” This is unscriptural! Was not Peter criticized by Paul in the Book of Galatians.

AMAZING LIST OF SPEAKERS: This is supposed to be an association of Fundamental Baptists. If that is so, there should be some serious form of separation. Well, some of the speakers were of the Southern Baptist Convention where separation is almost unheard of. Brian Green of England, is a hard-line Calvinist. John Stancil was a speaker; his marriage ended in divorce and his immorality became public. Then, there was Jack Schaap, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond Ind., and son-in-law and successor to Jack Hyles. This man alone is reason enough not to join this group. He was well aware of the immorality Jack Hyles and his son at First Baptist. He does not believe in repentance for salvation. He has written a book entitled “Marriage” in which he compares communion with sexual relations. One of the speakers was Mike Schrock, of Bob Jones University. I believe BJU has done more to demean the King James Bible than the devil himself! They do not believe that you can hold an inerrant Bible in your hands today! They believe that the corrupt NASV is the best version.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US! I think we have given ample reason why we cannot be in anyway connected with such a group. We would appreciate your prayers in these days of apostasy. Of course, we do not despair, but hope to be faithful to Jesus and His Word until He comes. That’s all we really have to do: be faithful! Do not be discouraged but look up **“..for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”** See Hebrews 12:1,2.

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