

BBC UPDATE

TRIBUTE TO DR. HAROLD DAVIDSON



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Scripture speaks of David's mighty men, one of whom was named "*The Tachmonite*" (II Sam. 23:8). The proper noun *Tachmonite* comes from the Hebrew verbal rendering "thou shalt make me wise." One of the LORD's mighty men, a stalwart soldier of Christ, has left the battle to be with his Saviour. Certainly this name *Tachmonite* describes Dr. Harold Davidson, a saved sinner, a loving husband, a dedicated father/grandfather, a pastor, a teacher, a patriot, a man's man, a faithful, true, and honest steward, a lover of truth, a friend at all times, and a wise man, was promoted with his abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom (II Pet. 1:11).

As his former pastor for four years, I appreciated Brother Davidson as I met him in 2005 when he visited CT with an interest in the doctrinal positions of the seminary. In time he wanted to invest prayerfully and financially in the perpetuity of the doctrines of truth and did so. He was instrumental in starting Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT (2009), giving me needed advice, counsel, and encouragement. He had the ability to captivate us with stories concerning his past and his stewardship. He was a great mentor, friend, colleague, and minister to me. I appreciated that he was willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with me in the fierce battles for the advancement of the precious Saviour's truth. Certainly, the Bible characterizes him, saying "*A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity*" (Prov. 17:17).

It was an honor and privilege for Bible Baptist Church to send him and his wife Edith out on May 12, 2013 to plant the NT church Bible Baptist Church of Cody, WY. They began the church in their home and attempted to evangelize with and encourage by the Lord's truth, not only their

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family, friends, acquaintances, but all that they met in Cody, WY. They were a great blessing and testimony to all and will be sorely missed by family, friends, and Baptists in churches not only in the States and but also around the world. Brother Davidson's prayerful and financial investment in the seminary courses and printed literature has blessed many believers worldwide. He invested in the propagation of the truth through supporting the modules and biblical commentaries of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary and has impacted scores of pastors, missionaries, and Baptists in Belarus, Czech Republic, Dubai, England, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Korea, Philippines, and Portugal, as well as the USA. Great will be his reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ. There is no question but that he was a mighty and great man, with a sterling Christian testimony, but he would humbly demur, and say, *"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable"* (Ps. 145:3).



Harold visited the Gagnons home many times for parties and for dinner, and spent much time fellowshiping, teaching, and playing dominoes.



Dr. Davidson faithfully and willingly filled the pulpit any time he was asked, and truly blessed Bible Baptist Church with his sermons.



Three preachers in Pastor Davidson's life, including Dr. Charles Nichols, his former pastor for 20 years, and Dr. Thomas Strouse, his latter pastor for 4 years. Pastor Scott Blair had him for many Bible conferences.



Right: Brother Skorupski visited the Davidson's in Wyoming several times and developed a close relationship with Harold.



PHOTOS OF DR. DAVIDSON'S LIFE



Above and Right: Bible Baptist Church presenting the Davidsons with a love gift when they went out to plant a church in their home in Wyoming.



Harold and Edith at a graduation service.

Below: The men of BBC laying hands on Harold and ordaining him as a pastor.



Harold and Christy Strouse chat over cake at church.



Bernadette Jacobson was a wonderful friend and sat with Harold and Edith at lunch at BBC.



Dr. Davidson visited Willow Grove Baptist Church in PA many times to preach at their conferences.



A glimpse at one of the many well-loved pages in Harold Davidson's Bible.

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“It has been oft observed that the disposition and behavior of a man is influenced by the company one keeps. Conversations and influences of one’s companions will temper and sharpen one’s understanding and appetites. One must purpose and choose wise persons for companions. *“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”* (Prov. 13:20)

For a wonderful season I had the pleasure of having Pastor/Doctor/Brother Harold Davidson as such an one. Our courses were superintended to meet and aligned over truth and direction. I know for his part there was never a moment wasted in terms of spiritual investments. There was no dross in conversation or intention only that which bespoke of the citizenship he currently enjoys walking the golden street of his final abiding place. I am so grateful for the challenges and examples which keep the fear of the Lord ever present in my heart. As to my dear brother I rejoice and reflect, until we company together again soon. *“I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts”* (Ps. 119:63).”



Professor Jeff Skorupski
Bible Baptist
Theological Seminary

“*Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding”* (Proverbs 23:23). This verse will always remind me of Harold Davidson. Harold not only bought the truth, but was also willing to pay a great price for it. His desire for others to obtain the truth was always paramount in his life. For me, Harold was a godly man with an exemplary testimony. He was there for me and my family with good Biblical counsel whenever I needed it. *“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them”* (Matthew 7:20).

Harold’s fruit was clear. He manifested Jesus Christ’s godliness, and was used by the Lord to minister to others. He was a man who loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and lived his life, every moment, looking for that Blessed Hope of the return our Lord and Saviour. His example is one to follow. His friendship and counsel will be greatly missed.”



Mr. Bill Gagnon and Family
Bible Baptist Church Member

“Mr. Davidson was a rich theologian with rich personal and practical experiences. His ability to combine simply and concisely the two as he ministered the word of God made his preaching and teaching interesting, powerful and applicable. Myself, my family, and my church family are all spiritually richer for the time the Lord gave us together.”

Pastor Scott Blair
Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA



PHOTOS



The original meetingplace of BBC-Cody was in the Davidson's home on the street named after them. A member of the church has offered to continue the work and lead services in his home (right).



Mike Main, Jake Main, Jeff Skorupski, Dr. Strouse, and Pastor Blair traveled to WY for the funeral.

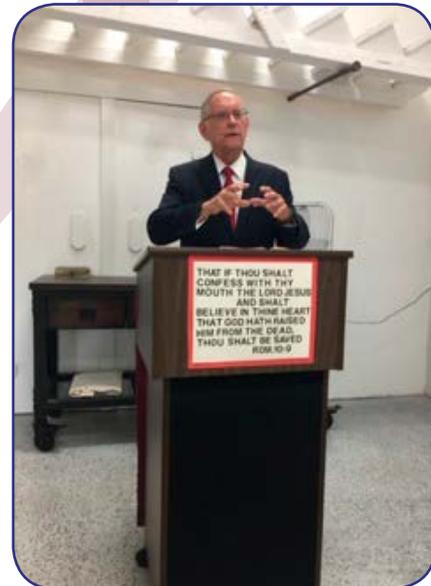
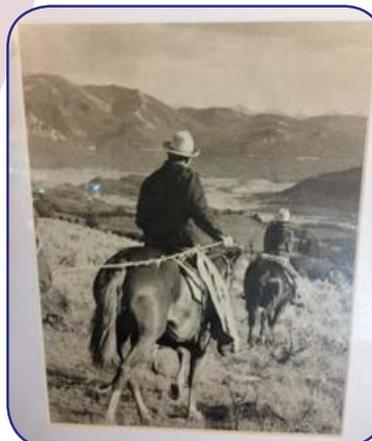
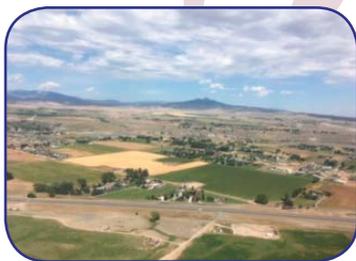
Below: Pastor Blair led the memorial service.



Edith Davidson with friends.



Dr. Davidson loved the land of Wyoming all his life, from when he was a rancher to his years as a pastor. Below is a glimpse of the beautiful area in which he lived.



Dr. Strouse was blessed to be able to preach at the funeral service.