

Board of Directors



Dr. Billy Boring, Jr.

Dr. Boring is an outstanding physician who has been in practice for the past 25 years. As a student at the University of Texas Medical School, Billy attended a [Basic Seminar](#), where he was challenged to begin meditating on God's Word. As he did so, his grades began to climb. Later, as a resident at the University of Texas, Southwestern Dallas, he was voted the outstanding resident teacher of the year.

Working alongside his father, Billy has practiced family medicine at the Medical Center of McKinney since 1988. Over the years he has sent more than 200 of his patients to the Basic Seminar and has discovered that after completing the Seminar, they had a 75% decrease in their visits to his medical office. For many, previous treatments had been ineffective because the conditions had been stress-induced or stress-related. Billy and his wife, Michelle, live in McKinney, Texas.



State Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens

Commissioner Hudgens is the Insurance Commissioner for the State of Georgia. After graduating from the University of Florida, Ralph worked for 18 years in the Agricultural Chemical Division of a major chemical company. In 1983 he founded Quality Propane, Inc., which he sold in 1987. Currently, he is President of Hudgens Enterprises, Inc. and Diamond Outdoor, Inc. Ralph served as State Representative in Georgia from 1996–2002. In 2002, he was elected as the State Senator for the 47th District. In 2012 he was elected to serve as Insurance Commissioner.

Early in their marriage Ralph and his wife, Suzanne, attended a [Basic Seminar](#) and then enrolled their family in the [Advanced Training Institute](#) in order to homeschool their children. They have been married since 1963 and have 4 children and 10 grandchildren.



Dr. John Stancil

Dr. Stancil is the owner and manager of the largest privately owned bus company in Nashville. His goal with his expanding fleet of buses is to give \$1,000 each day to the hundreds of missionaries whom he personally supports around the world. At the age of 14, John began serving the Lord in his church. He worked his way up to be the church bus captain, expanding that ministry from a fleet of 4 buses to 52 buses with an average of approximately 1,800 people riding them each week to church.

John first attended a [Basic Seminar](#) in 1972 and was instrumental not only in bringing the Seminar ministry to Nashville but also in introducing us to the Madison Memorial Hospital, which has become our [Nashville Training Center](#). John brings to the Board a wealth of ministry experience and financial wisdom. John's wife, Yulie, has a beautiful singing voice and uses it to [promote Godly music](#).



Dr. Bernie Reese

Bernie served in World War II as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Force. Upon his discharge he married Lee. After 65 years of marriage, Lee went home to be with her Lord on December 27, 2011. They have 4 sons, 17 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Bernie taught in the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1955. He started a law practice in Rockford, Illinois; established the trust department for a Rockford bank; and taught business law at Rockford College. He is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar and a Trustee Emeritus of the Supreme Court Historical Society. Two sons and two grandsons are in the law firm, Reese and Reese, of which he is now "Of Counsel." Another son is the senior pastor at Donnelly Bible Church at Donnelly, Idaho, and the fourth a director for Youth for Christ ministries in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Bernie and Lee had a ministry of leading Bible studies, counseling, and teaching. They attended their first [Basic Seminar](#) in the late 1960s, and the Biblical principles they learned there became the foundation for their ministry. They became active supporters and personal friends of the ministry, with Bernie providing wise counsel, encouragement, and direction to the ministry over the last 30 years.

Based upon the Biblical principles learned at the Seminar, Lee developed a seminar titled "Love Being a Woman" through which she saw broken marriages put back together and disciplined hundreds of women whom she personally led to the Lord. Those principles and stories are documented in an outstanding book she authored, [We Saw the Sun Rise Twice](#).



Dr. Stephen Paine

Dr. Paine is a practicing physician and the father of ten outstanding sons and daughters. He received his medical training at Indiana Wesleyan University and the graduate school of Indiana University School of Medicine. With his family he served this ministry for several years at the Indianapolis Training Center and then came to Headquarters for further ministry. He not only served the medical needs of the staff but did valuable research on the book being written at that time, [*How to Resolve Seven Deadly Stresses*](#).

Dr. Paine is currently a physician for 1,400 male offenders at the prison affiliated with the Correctional Corporation of America in Oklahoma. He also gives sessions at our Stress Resolution Seminars. Three of his older sons and a daughter have served or are serving on the Headquarters staff.



Anthony Burrus

Anthony Burrus has an amazing life history. When he was a young boy in Oklahoma the laws did not allow him to attend a white school, and his parents were too poor to buy his clothes and shoes so that he could attend a segregated school. His father was falsely accused and put into prison. When his mother moved the family to California, they were forced to live in a neighborhood in which most of the children spoke other languages, including Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. Anthony learned these languages and shocked his college language teachers with his abilities. He graduated with honors in the National Foreign Language Honor Society. He has studied 32 languages.

Anthony attended his first [Basic Seminar](#) in the late 1960s. He went with our team to Russia and taught in the public schools of Moscow. Then he went with us to New Zealand and thrilled the Maori attendees by speaking to them in their own language (which he learned while traveling there on the plane). He and his wife, Lula, were a part of our ministry team to Mexico and also Peru. The spiritual insight and practical wisdom that Anthony has brought to the Board is extremely valuable. It is significant that the state that barred Anthony from the white public schools as a boy later recognized his achievements by designating him as an honorary Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma.



Pastor David York

David York first attended a [Basic Seminar](#) in Chicago in 1969. This gave him a foundation for further training, which he received at the University of Michigan and at Dallas Theological Seminary and Trinity Divinity School. In 1984 his family was one of the original 102 families of the [Advanced Training Institute](#). At that time, he was associate pastor of a church in Wisconsin.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, Brenda, and they have eight children and fourteen grandchildren. Their last four children are reversal babies. Pastor York has been faithfully serving his church (now as the lead pastor) since 1992. The success in the marriages of his older children and his success in ministry bring to the Board an important aspect of counsel and guidance.



Gil Bates

International recognition has recently been given to [Gil and Kelly Bates](#) for their success in a family with 19 children. The special TV program titled “The United Bates of America” demonstrated the principles that they have learned from applying Biblical truth to their lives, marriage, and family. They are close friends with the [Jim Bob Duggar family](#), and when they get together there are 38 outstanding sons and daughters among their two families!

Not only does Gil bring to the Board a wealth of practical wisdom on marriage and training up sons and daughters, but he also has a marvelous testimony about combining prayer, initiative, diligence, creativity, and patience in providing for his family. This has included a large home, a tree-trimming business with special equipment, and family transportation—all without a steady income and no debt! Gil and Kelly have taught their children how to be each other’s best friends, love family responsibilities, and maintain a grateful spirit. Over the years, they have taken their financial needs to the Lord and watched God provide opportunities for work. This has taught their children to have great faith in the Lord.



Dr. Bill Gothard

Bill is the Founder and President of the [Institute in Basic Life Principles](#). After he received Christ in his youth, he dedicated his life to helping other young people come to salvation and make wise decisions for their lives.

For 15 years he worked with high school Bible clubs, church youth groups, and neighborhood gangs. During that time he memorized many of the commands of Christ and applied them to his life. When he shared the results with teenagers they wanted to follow his example. Out of this grew the [Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar](#), which continues to be shown to youth and adults around the world.

He is the Chancellor of the [Oak Brook College of Law](#) and the Chancellor of [Verity Institute](#), which offers a fully accredited degree in just two years. Bill received his master's degree from Wheaton Graduate School and his Ph.D. from Louisiana Baptist University. However, the delight of his life is working with young people who are totally dedicated to the Lord and helping them become world-changers.

Board of Advisors



James A. Sammons
Chairman of the Advisory Board

Jim Sammons has been an integral part of the IBLP ministry for many years. Thousands have been helped through the [Financial Freedom Video Series](#), which he developed from personal experiences (including nearly going bankrupt) and application of Biblical principles to his life, marriage, and business.

He was the president of the [Advanced Training Institute International](#), and served on the IBLP Board of Directors from 1980 to 2002. He continues to serve this ministry as Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Jim and his wife, Fay, live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where they have established a successful, respected real-estate development company.



Dr. Dean Youngberg
Advisory Board Member

After attending a [Basic Seminar](#) in 1976, Dean and his wife Judy began to implement Scriptural principles in their marriage, family, and medical practice. As a result of following Biblical principles of finance, Dean obtained release from a medical partnership and established a private practice.

Dean served on the Board of Directors from 1994 to 2003 and continues to give input as a member of the Advisory Board. He and his wife reside in Kansas.



Wes Cantrell
Advisory Board Member

Wes began his career in 1955 as a field engineer for Lanier Business Products, Inc. Over the years, his diligence earned him increasingly responsible positions within the company, until 1987, when he was named president and CEO of [Lanier Worldwide, Inc.](#) In 1999, he was named chairman and CEO, a position he held until 2001, when he retired.

He attended his first [Basic Seminar](#) in 1972 with his wife, Bernadine, who had attended the Seminar in 1971. Since then, they have faithfully brought children and grandchildren to the Seminar and have sought to implement these Biblical principles in all aspects of their family, business, and ministry.

Wes served on the Board of Directors from 2003 until 2005.



John Beckett
Advisory Board Member

John Beckett is chairman and CEO of the [R. W. Beckett Corporation](#), a family-owned manufacturing company with more than 200 employees.

He is actively involved in ministry as an author and lecturer, helped found [Intercessors for America](#), and is a board member of numerous Christian organizations. His first book, [Loving Monday: Succeeding in Business Without Selling Your Soul](#), was published in 1998 and is John's account of how he personally sought to practically integrate his faith with his work.

John and his wife, Wendy, have been married for more than 40 years and live in Ohio. They are the parents of six children and nine grandchildren.

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Thomas A. Hill

Tom and his wife, Kay, attended their first [Basic Seminar](#) in 1974 and brought home to their family the truths presented at the seminar. The principles they learned and applied enabled them to work through problems such as anger, bitterness, and rebellion. The result was harmonious family relationships.

Tom and Kay have three married children and twenty grandchildren who are living evidence of the abundant grace of God toward His children.

The family business, [Kimray Inc.](#), of which Tom is the chairman of the board, has also benefited from the application of Biblical principles. In 1992, they developed and piloted the [CharacterFirst!®](#) program, which is now being used by cities and companies around the world.

Tom served on the IBLP Board of Directors from 1993 until 2005.



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