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First steps



May 25, 1950 - After a confrontation with J. Frank Norris (president) on May 24 at the World Fundamentalist Baptist Fellowship meeting in Denton, TX, 120 pastors, laymen, and students gathered in the ballroom at the Texas Hotel to discuss creating a new college in Springfield, MO. During the meeting, the idea of establishing a new fellowship was brought up, and eventually approved.

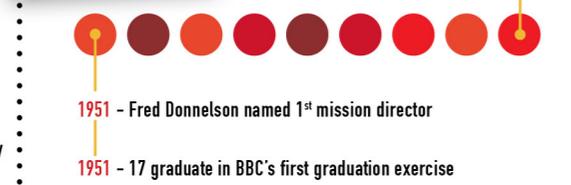
June 23, 1950 - First issue of the *Baptist Bible Tribune* is printed. Subscription cost is \$2 per year for the weekly publication in newspaper format.

Sept. 5, 1950 - Baptist Bible College opens in Springfield, MO, with 120 students enrolled. Classes were initially held at High Street Fundamental Baptist Church, with the first dormitories and administration buildings being completed just a few weeks later.

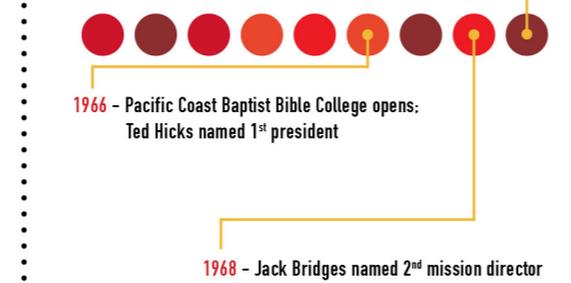
Sept. 17, 1950 - The Baptist Bible Fellowship holds first national Fellowship meeting in Springfield, MO. More than 100 pastors are part of the 300 people from 18 states who attended the meeting.

Sept. 20, 1950 - Primary policies for mission work were approved and several former WFBF missionaries were approved as the first BBF missionaries.

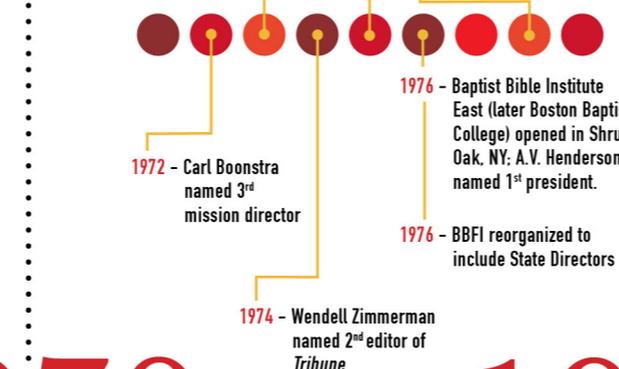
1959 - Number of *Tribune* subscribers passed 10,000



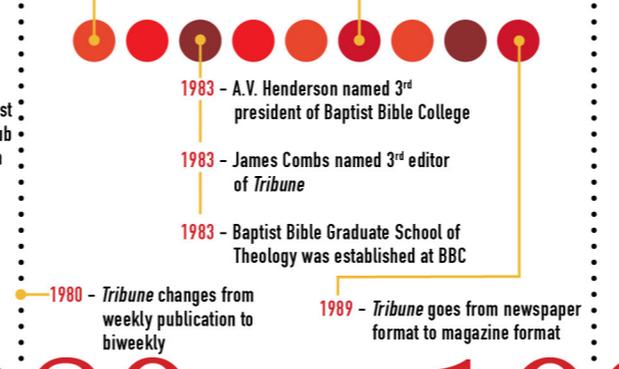
1960 - Unanimous decision to remain a Fellowship (not a denomination)



1973 - Baptist Christian College (later Louisiana Baptist University) founded



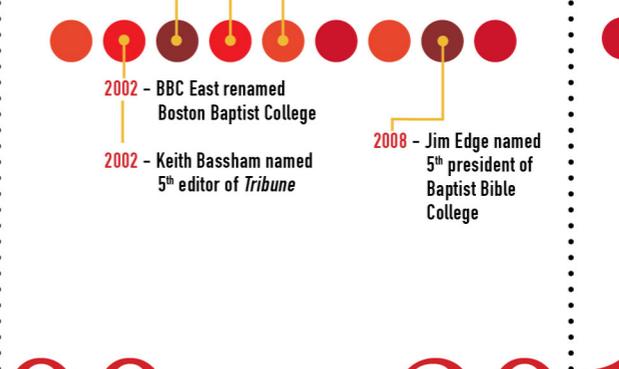
1981 - Baptist Bible Institute East moved to Boston; name changed to Baptist Bible College East



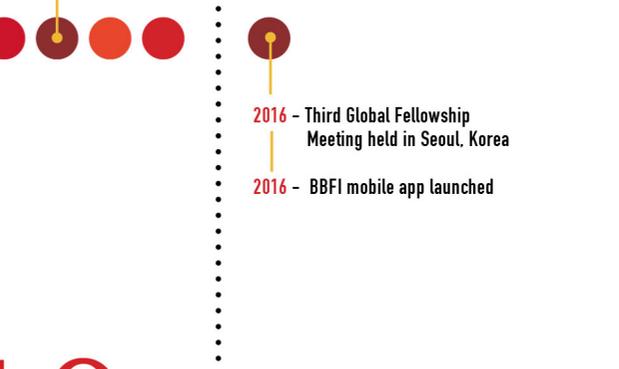
1993 - Baptist Christian College renamed Louisiana Baptist University



2003 - BBFI reorganized to include a 3rd VP with emphasis on church planting



2012 - Second Global Fellowship Meeting held in Cebu City, Philippines



BBFI presidents by decade

1950-52 W.E. Dowell	1955-57 David Cavin
1952-54 John Rawlings	1957-59 George Hodges
1954-55 Victor Sears	1959-62 Art Wilson

1962-63 W.E. Dowell	1967-69 Al Janney
1963-65 Scotty Alexander	1969-72 Parker Dailey
1965-67 Art Wilson	

1972-74 A.V. Henderson
1974-77 John Rawlings
1977-80 David Cavin

1980-83 Verle Ackerman	1988-90 Bob Perryman
1983-86 Leland Kennedy	
1986-88 Harold Henniger	

1990-94 Parker Dailey
1994-98 Sam Davison
1998-02 Kenneth Gillming

2002-06 Bill Monroe	2010-14 Linzy Slayden
2006-09 Gary Grey	2014-present Eddie Lyons
2009-10 Mark Hodges	

1950 - 19 missionaries on 4 fields

1960 - 169 missionaries on 17 fields

1970 - 336 missionaries on 32 fields

1980 - 549 missionaries on 57 fields

1990 - 778 missionaries on 82 fields

2000 - 894 missionaries on 100 fields

2010 - 864 missionaries on 95 fields

1950-1959 Total Mission Office receipts of \$3,694,290

1960-1969 Total Mission Office receipts of \$17,174,191

1970-1979 Total Mission Office receipts of \$66,383,216

1980-1989 Total Mission Office receipts of \$153,367,895

1990-1999 Total Mission Office receipts of \$249,640,333

2000-2009 Total Mission Office receipts of \$385,497,522

2010-2015 Total Mission Office receipts of \$227,553,012

1,594 churches listed in the 1970 Fellowship Directory

2,997 churches listed in the 1980 Fellowship Directory

2,939 churches listed in the 1990 Fellowship Directory

3,326 churches listed in the 2000 Fellowship Directory

2,550 churches listed in the 2015 Fellowship Directory