



The Nazareth Miracle  
1911~2011

CELEBRATING  
100 YEARS  
OF BAPTIST  
WITNESS

IN THE CRADLE  
OF  
CHRISTIANITY

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*In the spring of 1911, the Baptist Churches of Southern Illinois sent Mr. Musa, now an ordained pastor, back to his people in Safed. Many hearts were stirred by the soundness and power of his witnessing. One young man, Louis Hanna, became convinced of the truth of the Baptist faith and interpretation of the New Testament requested baptism. Thus first Baptist member in Palestine was baptized May 10, 1911 in the stream that flows through Wadi el Lemun (Valley of the Lemon), near Safed.*

*(From "Southern Baptist Golden Anniversary, Palestine-Israel 1911-1961, Dwight Baker")*

Farewells were said as a determined young man left his family in Safed, the crown jewel of the mountains overlooking the Sea of Galilee, to make his way to America. In 1909, under the love and guidance of Dr. George W. Truett, Shukri Musa found the desire of his heart and was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

Later on, Shukri Musa came back to Palestine and started the first missionary work in Nazareth in 1911. Since then, the ministry expanded and grew in numbers and quality. Today, the Baptist community in Israel is made up of 18 churches in Galilee and Central Israel and a community of 3,000 members. Of these churches, 16 are native Arabic speaking churches in places like Nazareth, Haifa, Upper Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, Shafamer, Kufur Yaseef, Touran, Ramle, Acre, Rama, and Eilaboun. They are organized together under the ABCI (Association of Baptist Churches in Israel).

**Some of our distinguished guests  
and speakers will be:**



**Dr. Clyde D. Meador Jr.**

Interim President of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.



**John V. Upton, Jr.**

President of the Baptist World Alliance



**David Coffey**

Global Ambassador for BMS World Mission .



**Comedian Nazareth**

A Comedian, an author and a communicator who was born in Holy Land.



Inauguration of the Nazareth Baptist Church in 1926



Church planters in 1957

Today, we celebrate a Centenary of what the Lord has done in the past 100 years and to look forward for a brighter and fruitful Baptist witness in the coming years. We invite you to join us in our celebrations of 100 years in the Land where Jesus walked and preached and first instructed His early followers to become fishers of men.

We want you to celebrate with us God's faithfulness and mercy to His people and mark this Milestone. You will have the opportunity to show your love, support and friendship to the small Baptist community in Israel. Also, you will witness the ministry in the Holy Land and also will be part of a touring group to visit the biblical sites and experience the word of God in its original locations.

Part of this tour is the main celebration to be held 12-14 of May 2011 in a conference in Nazareth. All Baptist Churches in Israel will be part of this conference in which we will celebrate the centenary.



To be part of this historical event, you can choose one of two options.

1- Join our tour package and take advantage of the special rates we have which will include guided biblical tours, attend the main centenary celebrations, visit local churches and meet and interact with local believers. All logistic, accommodation and meals are included. Dates are 11-20 of May.

2- You work out your itinerary and join our centenary celebration on 12-14 May 2011.

For registration please contact us at:

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*The Association of Baptist Churches in Israel (ABCI) is a fellowship of 18 Baptist Churches in Israel and a community of 3,000 people. The total number of Christians in Israel is 140,000 from a total population of 7.5 Million. The vision of the ABCI is to reach the world with the message of Christ and to proclaim this message by showing love to all people. It seeks to be light and salt in the land where God became flesh and dwelt among us.*

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