

Manfred E. Kober, Th.D.

Dr. Manfred Kober is a native of Germany. Born of Christian parents who perished as a result of World War II, he grew up in the war-torn province of Saxony, where he experienced Communist oppression firsthand. In 1952, God providentially prompted the authorities to grant him an exit permit for western Germany (something they later regarded as a bureaucratic blunder). He left behind his relatives, including a brother and sister. Living with friends in Bavaria for a year, he arrived in the USA where he met his relatives who had emigrated in the 1920's. Due to his background, Dr. Kober has a special love for America and a unique perspective on its place in history.

Dr. Kober attended Technical High School in Springfield, Massachusetts, graduating in 1957. He studied at Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, New York, the University of Erlangen in western Germany and subsequently received his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Kober taught from 1969 until 1999 at the Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, chairing the Department of Theology. Then for some 14 years he became research assistant for Russ Doughten Films and Mustard Seed International, a worldwide evangelism ministry through Christian films and discipleship training.

Dr. Kober has contributed to a number of books and periodicals. Currently he travels widely in a Bible conference and camp ministry, speaking on such topics as prophecy, the Bible and archeology, the Christian and his country, contemporary ethical issues and important issues facing fundamentalists. He also expounds various books of the Bible.

Since 1970 he has hosted over 40 Holy Land tours and enjoys introducing folks to the land of our Lord. Periodically he also hosts a Reformation Country Tour to Europe, visiting the homes of the Pilgrim Fathers and tracing the rise of the Reformation on the Continent. Occasionally he leads a New England Heritage Tour for folks from the Midwest who would like to explore their spiritual roots in New England.

Several times throughout the year he returns to Germany to assist fundamental Baptist missionaries in church planting. He also travels to Eastern Europe in a literature distribution and teaching ministry, "The Evangel to Eastern Europe." Even while the Communists were in power, he made 50 such mission trips behind the Iron Curtain. His family joined him every other year.

Dr. Kober resides in Bondurant, Iowa. He and his wife Sharon have two adult children, Christa and Eric, both actively serving the Lord. Christa is married to Scott Pearson and teaches in the music department at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and at Keyboard West Studios. Christa gave birth to two little boys, Samuel in July 2009 and Oliver in November 2010. In April 2014 little Elsie joined the family. Eric is employed at a financial institution in West Des Moines. In March 2014 he was married to Leann Dueck, a pastor's daughter, from Winkler, Manitoba.