



Nathan Mestler

In August 2019, Pastor Nathan Mestler became the fifth president of International Baptist College and Seminary (IBCS).

Pastor Nathan spent his early years in Bernalillo, New Mexico, where his father was a pastor. He was saved and baptized at age 7. When he was 11, his family moved to Nairobi, Kenya, to be missionaries and church planters. At age 16, Nathan dedicated this life to full-time Christian ministry.

He attended International Baptist College, then in Tempe, Arizona, and received a Bachelor's degree in Bible and Christian Service with a Missions emphasis in 2003. After he and his wife Bethany were married in 2004, they moved to Lansdale, Pennsylvania, where he entered the Master of Divinity program at Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed the M.Div. in 2009 and remained at the seminary for another year to continue in the Master of Theology program.

In 2009, Pastor Nathan and his family returned to Arizona, where he began to work on the staff at International Baptist College and Seminary, now in Chandler, Arizona. He served as the Dean of Students for seven years before becoming the college pastor at Tri-City Baptist Church in 2016. Pastor Nathan was ordained to the ministry in February 2010, and one year later, was sworn in as a Chaplain in the Arizona Air National Guard. He has achieved the rank of Major and serves as the Wing Chaplain for the 1,800 airmen of the 162d Wing in Tucson, Arizona.

He was installed as the president and CEO of IBCS in the spring of 2020 and continues to teach Bible and Biblical languages in both the undergraduate and graduate programs at IBCS.

Pastor Nathan's favorite quote is, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." Nathan loves to preach and teach the Word of God especially to young people.