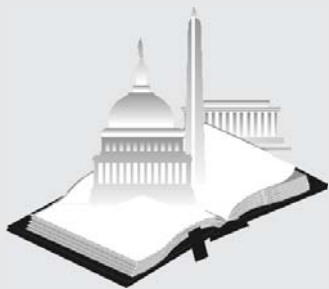


HIGHLIGHTS



April 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 10
College & Career Activity
with Solid Rock Baptist
Church

Sunday, April 11
Young at Heart Luncheon

Saturday, April 17
Deaf Ministry Spring Picnic
Second Annual Academy
Auction, 4 PM

Tuesday, April 20
Ladies' Bible Study,
Room A1, 10:30 AM

Saturday, April 24
College & Career Car
Wash
Master Clubs Bike Rodeo,
12:30 PM
Teen Progressive Dinner,
5 PM



Michael Creed
Pastor

FROM OUR PASTOR

Hebrews 10:25, . . . *so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

The snow has melted, and the sun has arrived! As we look back on Easter, I pray that you are continuing to meditate on the loving sacrifice that Christ made on your behalf on the cross of Calvary.

I am so excited about the wonderful services we had on Easter. With more than 350 at the morning service, two people accepting Christ as Savior, and others being baptized; it was a truly wonderful day. The brunch following the service was a special time of fellowship, and the presentation of *All Hail King Jesus* in the evening was a moving experience.

I appreciate the excellent spirit that has permeated our church family this year. I am encouraged to see many of you trying to do MORE for the Lord. With that in mind, I want to personally thank each person that participated in last Tuesday's Easter Blitz. Thank you for your willingness to be used. Thank you for your faithfulness!

In addition to our special Easter services, April holds a wealth of other activities for our church family. Some of the activities include Parent Appreciation Day at the Academy, a Bike Rodeo for Masters Club, and the annual Academy Auction. Check the dates and times in your bulletin for each of these events and make a point to be at each one of them. Participating in activities with other believers strengthens friendships and gives you the opportunities to encourage others.

As you participate in our church activities, don't forget that our main purpose is to follow God's will for our lives. Some areas of God's will are not revealed to us all at once, but there are some things that are clear for every Christian. God's will is for us to read His Word each day, pray each day, regularly share His Word with others, and actively participate in activities and services offered through the local church. I challenge you to be faithful to every service in April and to see what God will do when you are faithful to Him.

God has certainly put us here for *such a time as this*. This month, make it a goal to have the joy of seeing someone saved, making a public profession, getting baptized, being disciplined, and growing daily in the Lord. Ask Him to help you grow MORE in the month of April.

Independent Baptist Church's
services
are now available for viewing
LIVE on the Internet
at
www.ibcministries.org



Live Streaming
weekly services
Sunday mornings @ 10:40
Sunday evenings @ 6:00
Wednesday evenings @ 7:15



JUST A THOUGHT

By Valerie Creed

Job 12:7, *But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:*

Emperor penguin chicks trust the care of their father. These penguins are in the spheniscidae family. Unique? You know, my family is unique too. Mama penguin lays an egg and heads off for coastal waters leaving Papa to incubate the egg for two months by standing upright and supporting it on his feet. One individual egg! Reminds me of another Father I know. Through the frosty blizzards of the Antarctic polar winters, Papa cuddles the egg in his dense, furlike plumage. The storms don't seem to bother baby. Why should they if Papa is so near? Sacrificing meals for two months, Papa loses half his weight by the time Mama arrives. His sacrifice was well worth it because he loves his baby chick. Papa feeds at sea and then returns happily barking his own special trumpeting call that baby chick recognizes right away. Papa has returned! Everything will be alright now. The new, fluffy chick feels loved and cherished. How about you?

BIBLE STUDY HOUR

By Steve Corbett, Sr.

April promises to be a great month for Bible Study.

On April 11, following our combined Bible Study on Easter Sunday, we will resume our new series, *Making a Difference*, based on the Book of Acts.

April 11 *Caring Makes a Difference (Acts 3:1-10)*

April 18 *The Spirit-Filled Life Makes a Difference (Acts 4:29-31)*

April 25 *Generosity Makes a Difference (Acts 4:31-37)*

On April 11, the Genesis Class (Discipleship) will also start a brand new cycle. Our sessions will include: *Assurance of Salvation, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, The Church, Bible Study, Prayer, The Christian's Two Natures, Stewardship, Soul-Winning, The Second Coming, Heaven and Hell, The Origin of the Bible, Preservation of Scripture, and Dealing With Sin.* The lessons are practical, and with each study, you will get a daily devotional booklet for the week to reinforce the lessons. If you are interested in the Genesis Class, please contact Brother Corbett.

SOUL-WINNING and VISITATION

By Steve Corbett, Sr.

You are invited to join us each Tuesday night for soul-winning and visitation. We meet in Sara Greathouse Hall at 6:00 PM and head out to knock on doors, make follow-up visits, and make Bible Study contacts. If Tuesday is not a good time for you, please see your Bible Study leader for visits you can make at other times.

YOUNG AT HEART

By Rick Dove

We had a great trip to Sight and Sound and to Shady Maple last month. There were forty-three who went and enjoyed the day, and what a day it was! The play was outstanding, and the food was . . . well, let's just say that no one came home hungry!

We will be going back to Sight and Sound later this year for a Christmas play. Be on the lookout for more information.

We are looking forward to a special day for Young At Heart on Thursday, May 13. Please invite your friends and enemies to come with you. The day will start at 10:00 AM and will end around 1:30 PM. Dr. Pat Creed will be our special speaker, and there will be FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP for everyone.

NEW MEMBERS

Baptism:

Rebekah Bryan

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**Matthew
28:5-6**

TREMENDOUS TEENS

By Jim Stroud

The smell of fresh air is wafting over the landscape. Birds are singing once again. Trees and flowers are breaking forth with color and life. At this time of year, it seems that all of creation is renewed with energy. But wait! How did all of this all happen? Did the trees suddenly make leaves, or did the flowers suddenly make buds? No; the fact is, all through winter while they appeared dead, they were gearing up for this time of year. Each plant was storing ingredients for the growing of new foliage.

As we consider the plants, it brings to bear the portion of scripture where Paul said, *I die daily*. We all need a time when we can get away and allow the Lord to fill us up, so we can later pour ourselves out for others. Like the flowers, we should spend time with the Lord, so we can gain ingredients that can later be a blessing to others. Every time you take a deep breath or enjoy some scenery, ask yourself if you have allowed the Lord to fill you up with that which is needed to be a blessing to others.

Please pray for our graduates: **Ryan Kerwood, Cedric Wilson, Jerrell Carter, Donnie Sanders.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 24
Progressive Dinner

Friday–Saturday, May 7–8
Youth Conference, Bible
Baptist, Boonsboro, MD

Saturday, May 29
Youth Meeting, Victory Baptist,
Boonsboro, MD

JAIL MINISTRY

By Carlton White

March was a great month for the Jail Ministry. We preached the Gospel to more than fifty men in DC's jail, and five of them raised their hands for salvation. In Boys Village, we had a teenager ask us to mail his family material about salvation and our church, and in Prince George's County Jail, a couple of inmates wrote letters thanking the Fergusons for the Bible studies and lessons that they get from IBC (We graded 1,200 Bible lessons from Prince George's County Jail this month). What an encouragement! We also praise God that a woman who was released from Prince George's County Jail, and who had been in Mrs. White and Mrs. Flower's Bible study, visited the church. Finally, the ladies who traveled to Waxters, the jail for teenage girls, saw three young ladies saved, and they passed out devotional guides provided by the Strouds.

Please continue to pray for the Jail Ministry.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST ACADEMY

By Rick Dove

We have already been blessed to have some of our students reenroll for the fall, and we have had some new students enroll as well. Please pray for God to show more parents the need to enroll their children in the academy.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rick Dove

The current semester is quickly coming to an end. Exams will be at the end of April, and preparations will continue to be made for the fall.

As we look forward to the fall, we are also looking forward to our summer module with Dr. Don Sisk on August 23- 27. Dr. Sisk, a former missionary to Japan and the former long-time president and director of BIMBI, will be teaching an interim class on Missions. Please make plans to attend. Dr. Sisk's special insight on missions and his heart for the work of the Lord are sure to be a real blessing for everyone present.



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