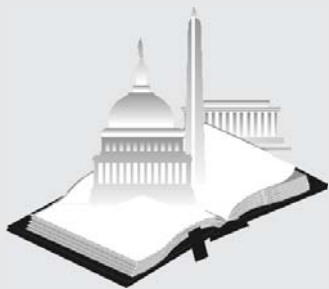


# HIGHLIGHTS



February 2010

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, February 5**

Academy Re-enrollment  
Deadline for 2010–2011

**Tuesday, February 9**

Ladies' Bible Study, Room A1,  
10:30 AM–12:00 PM

**Saturday, February 13**

Hispanic Couples' Valentine  
Dinner

Teen Outback Dinner

**Sunday, February 14**

Young-at-Heart Luncheon

**Monday, February 15**

Academy Grandparents' Day  
(Play and Meal), 10:00 AM

**Saturday, February 20**

Bible Study Teachers'  
Breakfast and Workshop,  
8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Master Clubs Game Night

**Saturday, February 27**

Children's Choir, Clinton  
Nursing Home



**Michael Creed  
Pastor**

## FROM OUR PASTOR

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

Our Missions' Conference in January proved to be a great blessing to everyone in the church. The six missionary families, each speaker, and Brother Bosse from Jehovah Jireh were exactly what God knew we needed. We were challenged to increase our giving toward world-wide evangelization and to be more deeply-burdened for lost souls. I was also greatly encouraged to see our missions giving for 2009 reach more than \$350,000. Praise the Lord!

I extend a heartfelt, *Thank you*, to each and every person who was involved in making the Missions' Conference a smoothly run, God-honoring week. From preparing meals to cleaning the church, many of you stepped up to make the conference a success. I especially want to thank Michael Morgan and Jenna Stroud, two of our college students who were home on break, for donating large amounts of time to clean, work in the office, and help with the music programs. I appreciate their servants' spirits, as well as those of other church members who also gave of their time, talents, and abilities. I am thankful for a church family that is willing to work and to allow God to use them.

As we think about missions, I praise the Lord for the Amadiz family and their willingness to follow the Lord's leading in their lives. Last Sunday, they came forward and made public that they had surrendered their lives to missions. Please be praying for them as they prepare to serve the Lord. I am thankful for Dr. Jim Townsley's biblical preaching. As a result, many people, in addition to the Amadiz family, made important decisions that will affect their lives and the lives of others for eternity.

There are two areas I would like you to especially pray for in February. First, please pray for no more snow. I believe we could have held the teen's Snow Camp with all the snow we have had lately. Let's pray that God will give us good weather in the coming months. Second, on a more serious note, please pray for God to shift our focus more toward reaching the world with the Gospel. Throughout January, we focused on sharing the Gospel with those near and far away. Now, let's put what we have learned into practice. Pray that God will give you a burden for the lost. Pray that He will give you someone this month with whom you can share the Gospel. Pray that you will see someone saved, baptized and discipled.

Last month, we said *Goodbye* to the Crowders who moved to be near their family. I appreciate the Crowders and all they did to assist this ministry. Mrs. Crowder faithfully served in the kitchen, and Brother Crowder kept our computer network running smoothly. The staff men and some church members are now keeping the kitchen running smoothly, and Brothers Febo and Ocker have been working tirelessly to transfer us from the old network to a new, more efficient network. Please keep our staff and helpers in prayer, and please keep the Crowders in prayer as they settle into their new home.

God has been very good to Independent Baptist Church. Please continue to pray that God will direct each one of our steps and give us an excellent year in which we can serve Him MORE.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### INDEPENDENT BAPTIST ACADEMY

IBA is in the midst of making plans for its annual Grandparents' Day program which will be held on President's Day, Monday, February 15. Grandparents' Day is always a highlight of the year; you do not want to miss it. The program begins at 10:00 AM, and there will be a meal following the program. The meal costs \$6.00 per person. Please call the academy at 301.856.1616, so we know to plan for you.

We are currently enrolling for the upcoming school year. There are families from outside the church who are already waiting for an appointment to come in for an interview, so we are asking church members to call the school office as soon as possible to receive information.

We also want to remind you about our Founders Fund. The Founders Fund is a program that allows individuals (grandparents of students, aunts, and uncles of students, those interested in raising up a godly generation, etc.) to make monthly, tax-deductible contributions to the academy. Proceeds from the fund are used to improve and expand the academy's current systems, curriculums, and facilities.

Our current contributors are a great blessing to the academy. Would you pray and consider becoming a member of the Founders Fund? If you are interested, please contact the school office for information to get started.



### INDEPENDENT BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

IBC is off to a great start this semester! We have been challenged by special guest speakers, including Pastor Ron Titus who challenged us to *Just Serve God*. The students have been challenged by their classes, and no doubt, God has been growing them in different areas of their lives to better prepare them for the work He has for them. We thank the Lord for some new students who are eager to begin their training, and we are excited about those who are ready to finish this phase of their service to God. Please pray for all our faculty and students as we continue to go forward for the Lord.

This summer, we will have our first module class. Dr. Don Sisk, a former missionary to Japan and the former long-time president and director of BIML, will teach a module on missions during the afternoon and evenings of August 23–27. The class gives credit toward IBBC's bachelors and masters degrees. With his background and as the current chairman of the missions department at West Coast Baptist College, Dr. Sisk offers a wealth of knowledge and experience from the mission field. His module will be a great opportunity for everyone, including those who may not be pursuing a degree but would like to broaden their knowledge of missions, to learn more about missions and the mission field. Mark your calendars and make plan to take this class.

## YOUNG AT HEART

By Rick Dove

The Young at Heart have been a source of *real blessing*. You seem to show up and volunteer to help in so many places. Thank you for your faithful and dedicated service to the Lord. There are times when pastor asks me if I know of someone who can do a certain task. Over and over again, I find myself going to the Young at Heart list to find someone. I hope you never lose your desire to serve God here at Independent.

This month's meal will be right after the morning service on Sunday, February 14, in Sara Greathouse Hall. Plan to bring a dish, and come and enjoy the fellowship.

You have been a real blessing to Brenda and me for our birthdays and Christmas. We pray that you will always stay tender to God whenever He moves you to be a blessing to those around you.

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***But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a MORE excellent way.***

**1 Corinthians  
12:31**

## TREMENDOUS TEENS

*By Jim Stroud*

**S**now Camp, Missions' Conference, and activities at the school have kept us all busy this past month. With the new month in front of us, how can we do more? We can begin by resolving to become faithful to all services and activities of the church. Determine not to make excuses; strive to attend, and try to do more.

In addition to becoming more faithful to church, make an effort to pass out more tracts; to read the Bible more; and to spend more time praying for missionaries, the church staff, your family, and friends. Look for ways to be a blessing to others; be responsible to do your homework; and put forth a general effort to be a good example to others.

As you are faithful to the Lord, you can look forward to His imminent return knowing you did your best for Him.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **Saturday, February 13**

Dinner at Outback,  
cost – whatever you plan  
to eat

#### **Sunday, March 14**

Afterglow at the Strouds'

#### **Saturday, April 10**

Progressive Dinner

## NEW MEMBERS

### **Statement:**

Nick Davis  
Becca Davis

## JAIL MINISTRY

*By Carlton White*

**I**t has been very exciting to see our graders grade more than two-hundred fifty Bible lessons a week for the inmates at Prince Georges County Jail, and it has been even more exciting to see twelve salvations in January (three were in DC's jail) as a result of the Jail Ministry.

Regarding Prince Georges County Jail, I had the opportunity to preach and teach in H-1 and H-2 a few weeks ago. Out of those services, a twenty-year-old man who was released the next day got saved and gave me his phone number. Later, in H-1, I did a one-on-one counseling session and was able to invite the man's wife to church. I have followed up with him by calling him and inviting him to church. Please pray that he and his wife will come this week.

As for other news, a church bought Mr. Ferguson a big screen TV, so he can show Christian movies to the inmates. In Charles County Jail, Jim Beals is waiting on his clearance to be able to go in and teach Bible studies, and Cedric Dickens will be working with teenagers in drug court. At Waxters Jail for teenage girls, please pray for Mary Baumgartner as she takes over leadership of the ministry from Angela Sanders. Although Mrs. Sanders is stepping away from leading the ministry, she will still be working with the girls. Finally, please pray for the homes of the young men at Boys Village when they get out, and pray that they will come to church.

## BIBLE STUDY HOUR

*By Steve Corbett, Sr.*

**F**ebruary promises to be a rich time in the Word of God as we continue our study on *Elijah and Elisha*. This month's lessons will include:

*The Widow's Oil*

*Is It Well With Thee?*

*But He Was a Leper*

*Chariots of Fire*

Please join us promptly at 9:30 AM on Sundays as we study the Word of God together!

## SOUL-WINNING CLASS

*By Steve Corbett, Sr.*

**S**tarting Wednesday, February 10, following the midweek service, Brother David Long will start teaching a four-week Soul-Winning Class. Each class will last approximately thirty minutes and will be held in A1/A2. Class dates are February 10, 17, 24, and March 3.

This class is open to anyone who is serious about soul-winning. Novice soul-winners will benefit, and the class will be a great *refresher course* for seasoned soul-winners.

Bring your Bible, and come to A1/A2 immediately after Wednesday's service.



***So Much the More***  
AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING



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