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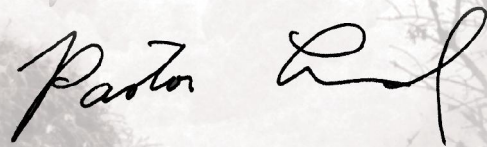
INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2011

God blessed Independent Baptist Church in a great way during the month of January. I don't think we have ever had a greater spirit of unity than we did this year. What an exciting missions' conference! When the commitments totaled over \$400,000, I was shocked and realized once again how good and how great our God is! God used our speakers, Pastor Ron Titus and Dr. David Gibbs, Jr., in a great way, and I know He spoke to your heart as He did mine. Each service was phenomenal and I am thankful for each person who contributed to help each night run smoothly.


January's missions' emphasis has further opened my eyes to the need of the world for the Gospel. I trust you were as encouraged as I was to be more vigilant in witnessing through my actions and words to those around me. Each week we give you an opportunity to be involved in an organized witnessing effort. Don't

miss Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Come out and it will be a blessing to you, as well as those around you. Also, I would like to encourage each of you to make it a point to be a part of a Bible study class, Sunday mornings at 9:30. The Bible teaching during that hour is very important for our personal growth and I know if you come, you will enjoy the warm fellowship and practical lessons. During February 2011, determine to serve God to the fullest! Ask God to allow you to share the gospel with at least one person this month. Expect God to do great things and let Him do the rest!



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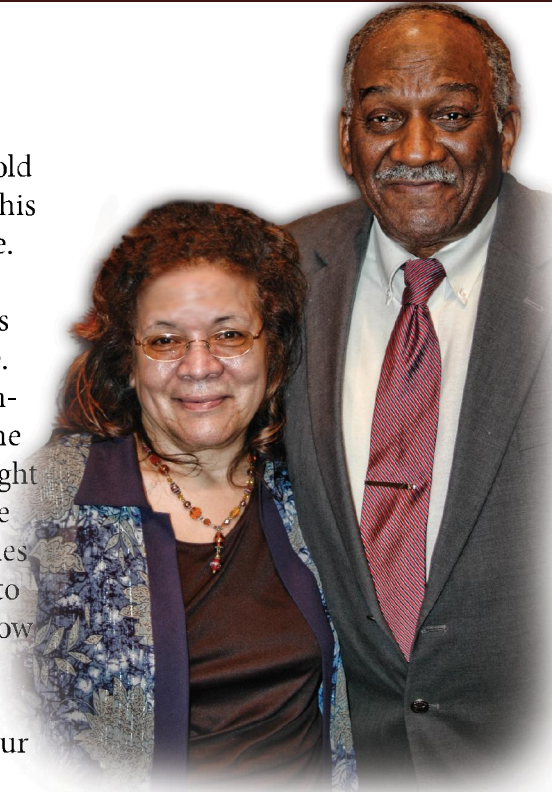
by: Rick Dove

We think of February as a love month. O that we would love our God enough we would trust him through the hard times. As senior adults, we are being watched by our children, our grandchildren and people in general. They want to see how we handle the situations we are facing. Timothy was reminded of the heritage he had in his grandmother and his mother. *II Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother, Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.* Paul was reminding Timothy of the faith he had seen and was telling Timothy, he saw this faith in him also. What kind of faith



are people seeing demonstrated through us? I have a three-year-old grandson who has learned to call his Pa Pa when he wants to talk to me.

My son and daughter-in-law do not understand how he knows how to call me on the phone. But I do enjoy trying to communicate with him. I pray he will see a faith in God he might one day have also. We may be facing difficulties and some times tragedies that God is allowing us to go through so that others may know they can trust God, as well, when those times come their way. May we love God enough it shows in our every day life.



JUST A THOUGHT

By: Valerie Creed

Our heart affects more than we realize both spiritually and physically. God wants to work in your heart so you might reach out to others. If your inlet valve is faulty, your outlet valve will malfunction. Our heart has an upper chamber (atrium) which collects blood and pumps it

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into a lower chamber (ventricle), which pumps blood out. To ensure blood flows in only one direction, each chamber has an inlet valve and an outlet valve. Something as simple as strep throat, left untreated without antibiotics, can lead to rheumatic fever which may damage our inlet and outlet valves. This can continue

into a downward spiral causing mitral regurgitation, mitral stenosis and/or aortic regurgitation. Sound scary? It should be. Something as simple as bitterness, an unforgiving spirit, and/or a critical spirit can damage our spiritual inlet and outlet valves. God desires to pour

in blessings that we might pour out blessings on others. We can hinder this process by not having a spiritual check-up. Let us say with the Psalmist, *Search me, O God, and know my heart.* Since February is heart month, when was your last spiritual?

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For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he... Proverbs 23:7a

DO OR DONE?

By: Barry Ocker



Many religions teach that you have to “be good” to go to heaven. This is the opposite of what the Bible teaches. In Ephesians, the Bible clearly states a person cannot work his way to heaven. Salvation is a gift of God’s grace that comes when a person accepts Jesus Christ as his Savior by faith. The work of salvation was DONE by Jesus. If you are trying to DO your way to Heaven, you will never be able to accomplish enough. An

old preacher once said that “Many Christians live their lives as if God made the down payment, and they have to keep up on the payments in order to go to heaven.” Once a person puts their faith in Christ, his salvation is DONE. We do not do good to stay saved, but we get the opportunity to serve God because we are saved. Is your salvation DONE or are you still trying to DO enough to get or stay saved?

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

R.U. IN TOUCH

By: Jerry Skinner

It is easier to keep the heart clean than it is to clean it after it has been defiled!! This month, we think more about hearts than at any other time in the year. The question is, “Are you able to serve with a heart that is clean and free of the filth of this world or are you constantly having to scrub your heart because you have allowed the devil to influence you and pull you away from a life of victory?” Why struggle; why battle with the flesh? Let’s determine this month we will keep our hearts clean through daily Bible study and prayer so we can simply serve the Lord with gladness and prosper in our daily walk with the Lord!!



Reformers Unanimous is doing great! This past week we had 8 visitors and 2 salvations. It is wonderful to see the Lord is still working in our lives and He still draws ALL men to Himself.

Breaking the chains of addiction and touching hearts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the goal of Reformers Unanimous. Week after week, we see God’s wonderful mercy in action. Don’t miss out on what God has for you at RU!

Don’t forget, Reformers Unanimous isn’t just for addicts!

It is a program where anyone can be involved. Come join us every Friday night, beginning at 7:00.

The Bible says that no greater love hath any man than that a man lay down his life for a friend. During Christmas and Valentine’s Day, many people feel sad, depressed or melancholy because of love lost or never had. God has a higher calling to those who know Him as Savior and that is, to give your life for others. The greatest cure for depression is losing your life in a cause. What greater cause than the cause of Christ? Find someone who has it less fortunate than you and pour yourself into them. Find a heart that needs lifting, look for a need to fill, a letter to write, a deed to be done. If you would take more time and look at others and less on your lot in life, you could allow the Lord to lift you from your sad outlook and realize you really do not have it that bad.

Teen, are you struggling with emotions and feel less important to God? Ask one of the leaders in the church how you can be a blessing to someone in need. I appreciate Michael White, Daniel Skinner, and Dennis Harris who took time out of their schedules to be a blessing to Mrs. Bohin and rake her leaves. We are losing so many opportunities to help someone and make a mark for God because we have our focus on the wrong things. Let’s decide to lay our lives down each day for someone who Christ would help if He were here on the earth.

Don’t forget to keep up with your activity checklist, as the teen who scores the highest, gets their summer camp for free!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Basketball Home Game
Friday, February 4, 5:00 PM

Master Clubs Family Fun Night
Saturday, February 5, 5:00 PM, \$15

Hispanic Valentine's Day Activity
Saturday, February 12

Young at Heart Meal
Sunday, February 13, after the AM service

Teen Dinner
Saturday, February 19, 5:00 PM

IBA's Grandparent's Day Program
Monday, February 21, 10:00 AM

Basketball Home Game
Thursday, February 24, 2:30 PM

Basketball Home Tournament
February 25 - 26



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