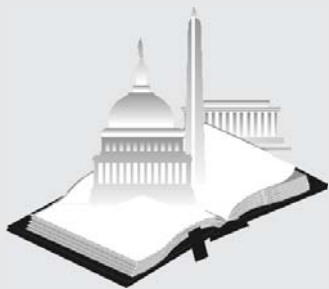


# HIGHLIGHTS



January 2010

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, January 4**

College Registration,  
7:00 PM

**Sunday, January 10 -  
Sunday January 17**

Missions' Conference  
Ken Baker –  
Bronx, NY;  
David Velasquez –  
Spain;  
Brian McCobb –  
Paraguay;  
Anson Van de Kemp –  
Malta;  
David Gates –  
Egypt;  
Jon Harris –  
Peru

**Saturday, January 16**

Dinner, College & Career,  
5 PM

**Monday, January 18**

College Classes Begin

**Thursday, January 28**

Academy Parent/Teacher



**Michael Creed  
Pastor**

## FROM OUR PASTOR

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

Looking back over 2009, I can say without reservation that God has been good to us. We have witnessed many exciting things happen, and it has been great to see God bless those who love Him. At the same time, we have also witnessed people, as well as the church as a whole, face some difficult challenges. However, even amidst those challenges, it has been exciting to see God grow us and draw us ever closer to Him. It has been good to

see our church family demonstrate their understanding that difficult times often allow us to come to know that God is our supply and that He will always meet our needs. Through the attitudes and testimonies of our church family, God was truly glorified this year!

While we praise and thank God for all He did during the past year, we also look forward to what He has planned in 2010. Our new theme for the year is *So Much the MORE as you see the day approaching* (Hebrews 10:25). This year, I personally challenge each member of the church to do MORE than you did last year. Christ's coming is imminent, and as it draws closer, it becomes even more important that we give our all toward the spread of the Gospel. Throughout the year, I will be preaching a number of messages that will challenge us to do MORE in our service for God as we minister to our families, as we share our faith with others, etc.

I hope you plan on being an active part of our annual Missions' Conference, January 10-17. Pastor Jim Townsley, Central Baptist Church, Southington, Connecticut, will be our guest speaker, and we will be hearing testimonies from some excellent missionary families. You don't want to miss one night!

During the Missions' Conference, please don't forget about the mission bank offerings each night. Each year, it is always exciting to show the missionaries that we love them and are thankful for them as we present our banks to them.

At the end of January, we will have our annual business meeting. During the meeting, we will recap last year and introduce our financial plan for 2010.

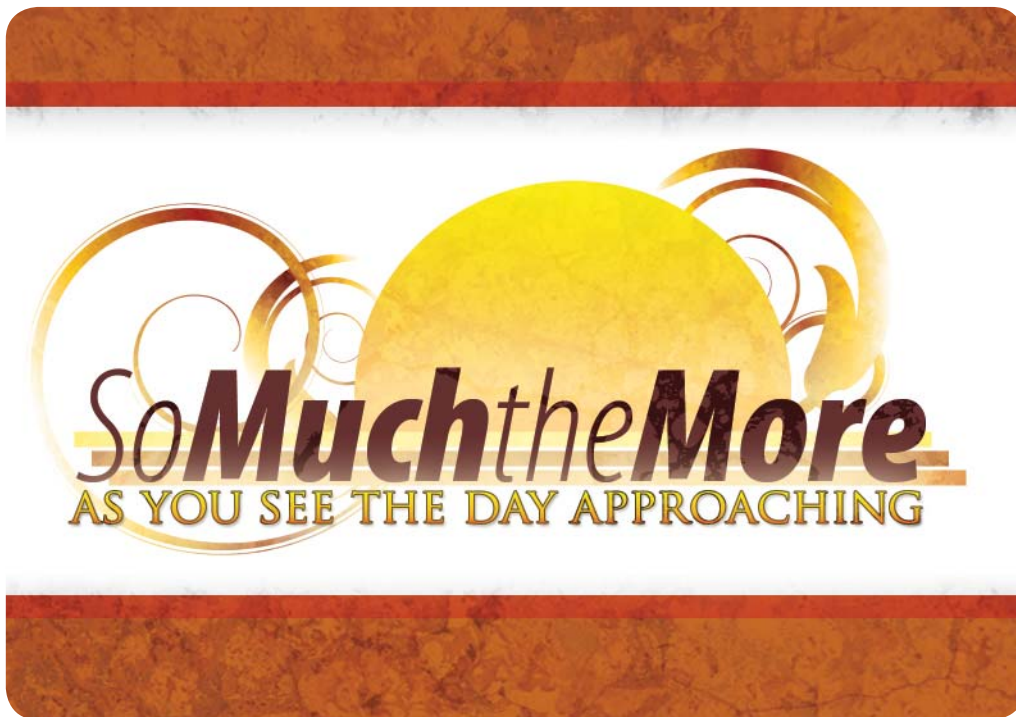
*Happy New Year!*



**SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS*****Missions' Conference, January 10–17***

This year's annual Missions' Conference begins on Sunday, January 10, and runs through Sunday, January 17. We are privileged to have Pastor Jim Townsley, Central Baptist Church, Southington, Connecticut, as our guest speaker, and we will also be privileged to have the following missionary families with us: the Ken Baker family, Bronx, New York; the David Velasquez family, Spain; the Brian McCobb family, Paraguay; the Anson Van de Kemp family, Malta; the David Gates family, Egypt; and the Jon Harris family, Peru.

In addition to great preaching, all the missionaries will be sharing their testimonies and showing presentations. You don't want to miss a single day.

**BIBLE STUDY HOUR**

*By Steve Corbett, Sr.*

January promises to be a rich month as we study the Word of God together. Our lessons will include:

January 24 *A Man of God*

January 31 *The Widow's Oil*

On January 10 and 17, we will be having our annual Mission's Conference. On those dates, we will have combined Bible Study classes in the auditorium. You don't want to miss a single service!

Remember, the Bible Study hour offers classes for everyone. Please join us as we study the Word of God at 9:30 AM each Sunday.

**YOUNG AT HEART**

*By Rick Dove*

God has surely blessed us with a great group of senior adults. It is such a blessing to see you working throughout the ministry. As God has blessed you with good health and special abilities, it is wonderful to see you using those blessings to take care of needs in the church.

If you find yourself asking, *What can I do?*, just give me a call or see me at church. I will be glad to help you become more involved in the church.

We will not have a meal in January because of the Missions' Conference meals during month. Make sure you attend all the special meals, and as you are able, consider volunteering to help prepare some of the meals. Please check the Missions' schedule for all the meal times.

**NEW MEMBERS*****Baptism:***

Jaylen Blagmon  
Jared Febo

***Statement:***

Aaron Rempson  
Ryesa Lee  
Yul Prince

***Letter:***

Dennis Owens  
Laura Owens  
Adam Owens  
Morgan Owens  
Matthew Owens

**TREMENDOUS TEENS**

By Jim Stroud

I hope you had a relaxing, joyous vacation with family and friends.

With the new year comes new opportunities for service for the Lord. As you approach January, which includes the church's annual Missions' Conference, January 10-17, you should completely surround your senses with the thought of possibly becoming a missionary, with praying for our missionaries and with giving in faith to the missionaries. God has blessed our church through the years for honoring His plan for spreading the gospel, especially in the area of missions, and He will surely bless you as you sincerely strive and contribute toward going forth and teaching all nations.

Teen, what have you given to the Lord; what leaf have you turned over; what new goal have you set for this year? Make this year one of the best years ever, and start it off by allowing the Lord to move your heart in the area of missions.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, January 25 - Thursday, January 28**  
Snow Camp, cost – \$165.00

**Saturday, February 13**  
Dinner at Outback,  
cost – whatever you plan to eat

Have a great New Year, and give Him so much the more of your life.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**INDEPENDENT BAPTIST ACADEMY**

Our annual Grandparents' Day program will be on February 15 at 10:00 AM. As in years past, the children are certain to give a memorable performance, and following the program, there will be a meal in Sara Greathouse Hall (there will be a charge for parents, children and grandparents). Please mark your calendars and plan to come.

It is time to begin reenrolling for the 2010 – 2011 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child or children, please contact the academy office for information. Enrollment will be open to people outside the church later, but we want to give our church families first choice.

As we look to the future, we are planning to design a leaflet you can give to people who are looking for a school for their children. In addition, we are asking you to consider joining the Founder's Fund. Members of the fund are a great blessing. They support the academy on a monthly basis, and in order to allow them to enjoy seeing the children learn, grow, and perform, they are personally contacted each time we have a special event. If you are interested in joining, please contact Brother Dove or the academy office.

**INDEPENDENT BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

College registration is Monday, January 4, at 7:00 PM in Sara Greathouse Hall. Classes begin Monday, January 18. This semester, we are pleased to offer the following classes:

- Monday, 6:30 PM ..... Homiletics V**
- Monday, 8:30 PM ..... Effective Writing**
- Thursday, 6:30 PM. Biblical Languages Greek and Hebrew**
- Thursday, 8:30 PM..... Pentateuch**
- Friday, 6:30 PM ..... Bible Doctrines (Overview)**
- Friday, 8:30 PM ..... Prayer**

Our desire has always been that that the college would serve as a trade school for the ministry. As men and women attend classes, our hope is that they would practically apply what they learn in the school to their work in the church and to their daily lives.

As we stated in the last newsletter, as we look to the future, we plan to soon have two or three modular classes each year. Modular classes are taught by guest instructors on specific topics for a specific number of days (usually a week). For example, we recently spoke to Dr. Don Sisk about teaching a course on missions. In addition, in order to allow students to participate in classes from remote locations, we are also working on networking the college with a live feed to other churches. Please pray as we move forward with these plans.

Brother Dove has recently had the opportunity to present the college to six different churches. Please pray that God will draw students from those churches in accordance with His will. Also pray that you would be attentive to God's leading in your life. The question is not, *Should I go to the college?* The question is, *Why not attend the college until God leads you out?*



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



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