



HIGHLIGHTS

June 2010

Upcoming Events

**Friday–Saturday,
June 4–5**

Jr. Girls Camp—In, Gym

Saturday, June 5

College & Career
Car Wash

Sunday, June 6

Special Speaker,
Dr. Chuck Harding,
Awake America

Young at Heart Luncheon

College & Career
Bake Sale, following
evening service

**Monday–Friday,
June 14–18**

Teen Camp, \$175.00

Sunday, June 20

Special Guests, West
Coast Baptist College
Ensemble, morning
service

Missionaries, Ward Family
(Japan), evening
service

**Friday–Saturday,
June 25–26**

College & Career,
Mini-Bible Conference

Saturday, June 26

Hispanic Teen Activity,
Gym, 10 AM–2 PM



FROM PASTOR CREED

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

May was not only a busy month; it was also a month that abounded with the blessings of God. From the many cards and thoughtful gifts Valerie and I received to mark my sixteenth year as pastor to the academy's K5 Graduation, my heart has been moved by the kindness and hard work of the members and staff of our church. I am so glad that we

have a close church family, and it is exciting to see spiritual fruit abounding from the efforts of our teachers and others who use their talents, gifts, and abilities for the Lord. Toward the end of the school year, many staff members had extra responsibilities, but they never complained. They shouldered the load and kept on working. To them and to all those who help keep this ministry going forward for the Lord, I say, *Thank you.*

In addition to my anniversary celebration and the K5 graduation, May also brought: (1) an excellent academy and college graduation with a powerful message from Pastor Bob Warnick; (2) a motivating Missions' Emphasis with the David Townsley family, church planters in Connecticut (please pray about the upcoming special offering to assist them with the purchase of a building); (3) a successful Hispanic Family Conference with Brother Gary Sprunger (hearts were blessed, and lives were surrendered to the Lord); and (4) a wonderful Young at Heart Day on May 13 with my father, Dr. Pat Creed, as the guest speaker.

As we look to the future, I ask you to please pray for the Corbett family as they undertake their new ministry on the island of Grand Cayman. IBC had the pleasure of giving them a special send-off on May 30. They have now arrived safely in Grand Cayman. I am excited about what God has for them as they begin their work at their new church, and I am looking forward to seeing them again when they return for Rebekah's marriage to Michael Morgan in July.

Looking ahead at June, July, and August; we have many exciting events in store: (1) special services, Sunday, June 6, with Dr. Chuck Harding, an evangelist who focuses on the biblical roots and spiritual foundation of our nation; (2) Teen Camp, June 14–18 (please support the teens' fund-raising efforts, and pray about sponsoring a teen who may need help paying for camp); (3) Fathers' Day, June 20, with an ensemble from West Coast Baptist College in the morning and the Henry Ward family, missionaries to Japan, in the evening; (4) a College & Career Mini Bible Conference, June 25–26, with white water rafting and special speaker, Pastor Terri Moore; (5) a patriotic musical, *The Spirit of America*, on July 4, with picnic on the grounds and a special afternoon service; (6) Junior Camp, July 12–16; (7) Vacation Bible Time, July 19–23; (8) Missions' Emphasis on August 1 with Dr. Bob Larson, BIML Reseeding America Project; (9) Men's Camp Out, August 12–14; (10) and a special week-long college course on Missions with Dr. Don Sisk, August 23–27.

As we head into the summer months, do not hold back. Keep God the center of your lives, and keep church a priority. Remember, the day of Christ is coming soon, and the Bible has challenge us to do *so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*



JUST A THOUGHT

By Valerie Creed

Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

Pastor and I have arrived! At least that is what our grown children tell us. We have arrived into the upper class of elderly, young-at-heart folks. We have purchased an elaborate bird feeder with an expensive pole and squirrel guard. We have become avid bird watchers!

The other morning, standing by my window, I was enjoying the feeding frenzy of the vibrant cardinals and wrens; all the while, I was hoping that the hawk I had seen previously would not appear to snatch one of my friends for breakfast. From the corner of my eye, I noticed a large form landing by our shed with outstretched wings. *That hawk is back*, I gasped, hoping my friends would make a hasty retreat. Just then, the hawk started crawling toward our picnic table and scrambled underneath it! It took only a split second, but I quickly realized my first assumption was not at all what I had imagined. My hungry hawk had turned into a very friendly, flying squirrel. Was I ever fooled!

Life can be so confusing at times. I am so glad I have a wonderful Savior to guide me in this maze of life. He is never wrong in His assumptions and wants only the best for me. I need to trust Him more. How about you?

BIBLE STUDY HOUR

By Rick Dove

We have an exciting five weeks left as we study *Making a Difference*. Upcoming **special meetings** and lessons include:

- June 6** Dr. Chuck Harding, *Awake America*
- June 13** *Giving Makes a Difference*
- June 20** *Prayer Makes a Difference*
- June 27** *Missions Makes a Difference*
- July 4** No Bible Study; church begins at 10:00 AM

Let's *Make a Difference* by faithfully studying God's Word (personally and corporately) and by inviting others to join us during the Bible study hour.

SOUL-WINNING and VISITATION

By Rick Dove

God has definitely been blessing our soul-winning efforts on Tuesday nights. As a result of the faithfulness of our people to obey God by going out into the highways and hedges and compelling others to serve Him, we have seen several people saved and many people visit the church.

If you would like to share in the blessings of bringing others to Christ, join us on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM in Sara Greathouse Hall. A teen bus and an adult bus go out every week, and if you are a little apprehensive about knocking on doors, we will pair you up with someone who will help you get started. See you on Tuesday!

YOUNG AT HEART

By Rick Dove

The first activity was great! Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and the games. Then, we were off to the auditorium to sing, find out about the stages of aging (that was fun), and hear a great message from Dr. Creed about *Finishing Well*. Finally, the food came, and more food came, and more food came. Altogether, if you missed our Young at Heart Day on Thursday, May 13, you missed a wonderful time!

If you missed Young at Heart Day, don't worry; there are many other special days to come. On Sunday, June 6, we will have our monthly Young at Heart luncheon; on Monday, August 9, at 10:00 AM, we are looking forward to another fun activity; and on Thursday, December 9, we are scheduled to visit Sight and Sound Theater for a presentation of *Miracle of Christmas*. Be on the lookout for details on these and other upcoming events.

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TREMENDOUS TEENS

By Jim Stroud

Have you ever had a disagreement with another Christian?

In the book of Galatians, Paul tells us of his differing opinion with Peter. Peter was a people pleaser, while Paul shot from the hip. Paul went to the Gentiles to tell them of salvation, and Peter left the scene so as not to be identified with them in front of other Jews. From this, we learn that there are even times when those in leadership don't see eye to eye with other leaders, and it takes some very mature Christians to work out disagreements properly.

Remember, when you cross the path of someone you don't agree with, go to the Word of God, seek godly counsel, and keep a guard over your tongue.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday–Friday, June 14–18
Teen Camp, \$175.00

Tuesday–Friday, July 27–30
Northeast Vision Conference

**Thursday–Saturday,
August 12–14**
Men's Camp Out

JAIL MINISTRY

By Carlton White

Iwould like to start this newsletter by asking prayer for two men who have served faithfully in the Jail Ministry for many years, Elden Ferguson and Bruce Sanders. Both men have recently had surgery and are in need of prayer as they recuperate.

This month, two boys were saved in Boys Village, one girl was saved at Waxters, two women and three men were saved at Prince George's County Jail, and two men raised their hands for salvation at DC Jail. In addition, the teenage boys at Central Treatment Facility (CTF) were ministered to and told how Jesus loves them and died for them.

The Jail Ministry receives 240 lessons a week (9600 a month). Thankfully, we have twenty loyal graders who dedicate their time, effort and service to the Jail Ministry. Every Sunday morning, each grader picks up between sixteen to forty lessons to grade individually. The graders evaluate and score the lessons and provide encouraging words of faith to the inmates. Without these devoted graders, the Jail Ministry at Independent Baptist Church would be incomplete.

Please remember, men, women, boys, and girls who are in jail are no different from you and me. We are all sinners with the potential to be saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST ACADEMY

By Rick Dove

With the 2009–2010 school year just behind us, we are already preparing for the 2010–2011 school year. Please pray that God will draw those students that we may be able to lead into His service. God has already sent us many students, some new and some old, and we are praying that He will send us many more.

During the last week of school, I had a teacher send me a note that a student had received Christ as her Saviour. Considering the many other students who received Christ this past year, it makes all the work worthwhile.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rick Dove

We are looking forward with great anticipation to our summer module on Missions, August 23–27, with Dr. Don Sisk. The class will be taught Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:00–5:00 PM and from 6:30–8:30 PM each day. The cost is \$65 per credit hour (this is a three credit hour course), and the class may be taken for the Masters Program or for independent study in the Bachelors Program.

The Missions module is a great opportunity to receive training from someone with firsthand experience in the mission field. Dr. and Mrs. Sisk were missionaries in Japan for twenty years. While in Japan, they started Senri New Town Baptist Church. The church has now started five other churches, and it supports eight foreign missionaries. Following his time in Japan, Dr. Sisk served as President and General Director of Baptist International Missions, Inc. for nine years.

NEW MEMBERS

Baptism:

Evan Finnegan
Linda Finnegan
Ryan Finnegan
Kala Lee
Daniel Pihulic

Men's Camp Out

Maryland's Eastern Shore
August 12 - 14



What to Bring:

Bible, Bug Spray, Camera, Change of Clothes, Sleeping Bag, Toiletries, Fishing Pole, Tent, Flashlight, etc.

Plans are coming together for this year's Men's Camp Out at the Sassafras Natural Resource Management Area in Kennedyville, MD. This is always a great time to get away, do some fishing (tidal fishing license required), and enjoy the great outdoors. We will provide all the food, a great camping site, godly fellowship, special activities, and challenges from God's Word. The cost is the same as last year: \$30.00 per person or \$70.00 per family. Please make plans to join us.



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