



# HIGHLIGHTS

May 2010

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 6**  
Academy & College  
Graduation, 7:00 PM
- Friday–Saturday, May 7–8**  
Youth Conference, Bible  
Baptist, Boonsboro, MD
- Saturday, May 8**  
College & Career Car Wash
- Sunday, May 9**  
Mothers' Day
- Wednesday–Sunday,  
May 12–16**  
Hispanic Family Conference  
w/ Gary Sprunger
- Thursday, May 13**  
Young at Heart Day, 10:00 AM,  
w/ Dr. Pat Creed
- Saturday, May 15**  
Teen Car Wash
- Sunday, May 16**  
Missions Emphasis  
w/ David Townsley (CT)
- Tuesday, May 25**  
Kindergarten Graduation,  
10:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 26**  
Last day for K4/K5
- Thursday, May 27**  
Last day for Academy

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## FROM PASTOR CREED

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

I would like to say a special, *Thank you*, to the church family of Independent Baptist Church (IBC) for being such a blessing to me for the last 26 years. Having been on staff for ten years prior to my 16 years as pastor, I can truly say that this is my home. It has been an honor

to share in the many victories, as well as the trials, that we have gone through. I pray that the next 16 years will be even better than the last. Thank you for being a part of the church family that I love.

With the whirlwind of church activities in April, the month certainly flew by, and as I sit here looking at the calendar, I am aware that May will not be much different. We will begin the month with Independent Baptist Academy and Independent Baptist Bible College's graduation on May 6, at 7 PM. Graduation is always a special time as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and as we pray for God's continued blessing in their lives. Pastor Bob Warnick, Westmoreland Independent Baptist Church, will be our speaker. It looks to be an excellent evening, so mark this night on your calendar and make every effort to be there.

The Hispanic ministry is having a special Family Conference May 12 – 16, and Young at Heart is having a special activity on May 13. Bro. Gary Sprunger, BIMl Caribbean Assistant Director, will be the guest speaker for the Hispanic ministry, and Dr. Pat Creed, BIMl Caribbean Director, will be the guest speaker for the Young at Heart. I am certain that both events will be special times of personal, spiritual growth. Finally, on May 16, we will be welcoming the David Townsley family, church planters in Connecticut, to our Missions Emphasis Sunday.

In addition to the church's activities, the academy also has a number of special days this month. As I already stated, graduation will be on May 7, and the last day of school – the most important day for the students – will be on May 27. Please check *Upcoming Events* for other important dates.

A couple of weeks ago I preached out of Jeremiah 6:16, a portion of Scripture that tells us (1) to stay by the old paths, (2) to stand in the way, and (3) to be counted faithful. I challenge you to not remove the godly landmarks that have been placed in your life and to be faithful to the areas that God has called you. This month, decide to take another step spiritually toward doing MORE for Christ, and ask God where He would have you do MORE or be MORE.

Don't forget our weekly church services and outreach activities:

***Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 AM, Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 PM, Tuesday Soul Winning, 6:30 PM, and Wednesday Evening Service, 7:15 PM.***



## JUST A THOUGHT

*By Valerie Creed*

Psalm 23:5b, ...*thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

**W**e just got back from an exciting time in Israel, land of the Jewish people. We learned that sunstroke is not just a word in the dictionary over there. While in the desert surrounding the Dead Sea, we were smothered by 113 degrees of heat and were almost suffocated by the blinding sandstorm from Morocco. Sometimes life is like that. Life is coming at you from all sides. You are a helpless lamb on the barren hillside bleating for your Shepherd. Stop a moment. Listen. Can you hear His voice? He is calling your name. He wants to remind you that He anointed your head this morning with oil, without your asking, to protect you from the deadly rays of the blazing sun. He knows what sunstroke will do to you. He loves you and knows what it is like to live down here. He was a Lamb before, remember? Now if you wander off, how can He anoint your head with oil? You need His anointing every day the sun rises. I don't think it has missed a day yet. Did you say you can't hear Him calling your name? Maybe you don't belong to Him. He loves you anyway. He wants you to belong. Why don't you ask Him to be your Shepherd too? He became a Lamb for you. He sacrificed Himself for you. Now He lives to be your Shepherd. Why not ask Him today?

## BIBLE STUDY HOUR

*By Steve Corbett, Sr.*

**W**e all have a desire to *Make a Difference*. Join us in our Bible Study hour as we learn how to *Make a Difference*. This month, we will study:

- May 2** *Faithfulness Makes a Difference*
- May 9** *Teamwork Makes a Difference*
- May 16** *A Witness Makes a Difference*
- May 23** *Encouragement Makes a Difference*
- May 30** *Giving Makes a Difference*

Let's study, learn, and apply God's Word so we can *Make a Difference* ... and *so much the more* as we see the day approaching!

The Genesis Class (discipleship) will be starting again soon. Look for details in the near future.

## SOUL-WINNING and VISITATION

*By Rick Dove*

**J**oin us every Tuesday night at 6:30 PM in Sara Greathouse Hall for soul-winning. Each Tuesday, we take two buses to go door-knocking, a teen bus and an adult bus. In May, the teen bus will be driven by Jim Stroud and the adult bus will be driven by Dennis Baumgartner on May 4, Mike Dove on May 11, Asia Dickens on May 18, and Mary Baumgartner on May 25.

If you have never been soul-winning and are intimidated, join us anyway. We'll partner you with an experienced soul-winner, so you can get some valuable *on the job training*. If you cannot be here on Tuesday nights, but you would like to go, please let Brother Dove know. He will assign you some streets to visit at your convenience. Remember, God's Word says, *He that winneth souls is wise*, so let's show ourselves wise.

## YOUNG AT HEART

*By Rick Dove*

**G**od has surely been blessing in the area of class attendance. We have been in the forty's for about four weeks now. Please pray that God will enable all our members to continue to come and that He will bring new friends our way as well.

Do not forget our special Young At Heart Day on Thursday, May 13. Please invite someone who has never come before or lost people who need to hear the gospel. The day will start at 10:00 AM in the gym 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. We are asking you to bring your favorite dessert and a heart that is ready to be blessed by the preaching of God's Word.

See you at Bible Study on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Baptism:**

Patrick M. Conway  
Paris Rasheed Hughes  
Nathanael Doggett

## TREMENDOUS TEENS

*By Jim Stroud*

When Jesus showed up in the upper room, He found ten disciples. Judas had hung himself, and Thomas was gone. From that time on, we remember Thomas as *doubting Thomas*, because Thomas would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw the nail prints in His hands and feet. What a sad commentary for someone who had been with the Lord for three years.

Most of us in the ministry have seen this same loss of faith and service in the lives of people who *used* to come to church. What happened? Maybe it was a missed Wednesday; maybe it was a missed youth activity. Whatever the cause, one miss soon became two, and two became three until there was a habit of unfaithfulness.

There are many things you lose when you miss a meeting with God. You never know what He may do in a given service, so make it a priority this summer to participate in everything at church: the main services, visitation, youth activities, door-knocking, the nursing home ministry, and special events. Keep up with your daily devotions, and help out at church whenever you can. You never know when God is going to do something great. Moses went out to watch sheep one day; he never expected the Lord to call to him from a burning bush. Who knows? This summer might just be your burning bush summer.

## JAIL MINISTRY

*By Carlton White*

God blessed the Jail Ministry with the opportunity to visit the Central Treatment Facility (CTF) at the DC Jail for teenage boys for the first time. During our first Bible study on Sunday, April 11, we had the chance to minister to four young men who are in jail for serious crimes. It was a blessing to open the Bible and tell them that God loves them and that there is hope in Jesus Christ.

This month, we visited four young ladies at Waxter's. I was told that one of the ladies had a very hard heart; however, following the Bible study, it was exciting to see her take material about Jesus Christ and salvation.

While at the Prince George's County Jail, I had the chance to visit a church member who has gotten away from the Lord. I encouraged him to stay faithful to God, and he encouraged me during the Bible study.

We continue to grade more than a thousand Bible lessons a month, and, at the inmates' request, we were able to send out material to the families of some of the boys at Boys' Village in Maryland.

Please continue to pray for the Jail Ministry as we reach out to a segment of society that many others have forgotten.

## INDEPENDENT BAPTIST ACADEMY

*By Rick Dove*

Graduation is here again! Pastor Bob Warnick from Westmoreland Independent Baptist Church in Colonial Beach, VA, will be our speaker. Jerrell Carter, Ryan Kerwood, Donnie Sanders, and Cedric Wilson will be graduating and starting new phases in their lives. Please come and wish them well as they end their time at Independent Baptist Academy.

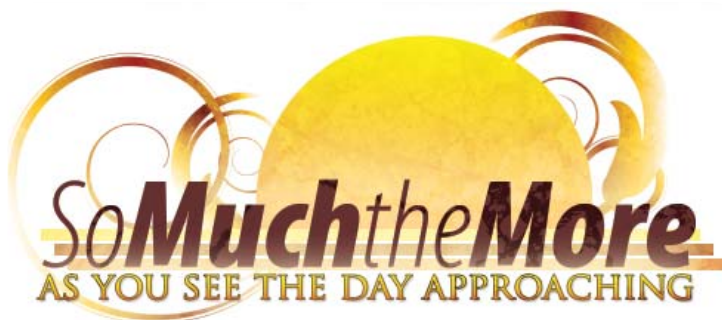
If you have not turned in your re-enrollment, please do so.

## INDEPENDENT BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*By Rick Dove*

God is bringing the semester to a close with graduation on Tuesday, May 6, at 7:00 PM. Please come and celebrate with Ken Gill and Jim Flowers as they graduate and complete this phase of their service to the Lord. Pastor Bob Warnick of Westmoreland Independent Baptist Church in Colonial Beach, VA, will be our speaker.

Following graduation, we are looking forward to our summer module on Missions with Dr. Don Sisk August 23- 27. Dr. Sisk was a missionary in Japan for eleven years, the Far Eastern Director for BIMl for nine years, and the director of BIMl for eighteen Years. He will be a real blessing to us. Please plan to be here.



# 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 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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