



INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2011

Autumn brings an exciting season here at Independent Baptist Church! The summer months have quickly come to an end leading us into a packed month of stirring Sundays beginning with the Fall Revival. Make sure you plan to be in church October 2-5 to hear Evangelist Lou Rossi. I'm also very excited about our upcoming Harvest Days following our revival. Round-Up Sunday, International Sunday, and Friend Sunday will be good opportunities to invite family, friends, and neighbors. I personally plan on having friends, acquaintances, and new people I have invited come on these days.

The Apostle Paul said to the church in Colossi, *"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in what's inside?"*

Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; (Colossians 1:3-5)." The thought is that God has given us a wonderful church family to pray for and to serve together. We can spend quiet time with God praying for each other, lifting each other up, and asking God to work in our lives. Let's not forget we have a God who wants to provide our needs, to answer our prayers, and to be involved in our lives.

You never know who may be having a hard time or dealing with a situation in his or her life. A lady whose son sat with her in church approached me a couple weeks ago and asked if I had seen on the news what had happened to her son. I was shocked to listen to her story.

Her son was walking down the street during a thunderstorm and an electrical wire came loose and hit him killing him instantly. A young man also came recently whose two-year-old son was shot and killed in an apartment. I was able to spend time in prayer with him. Let's remember life is short and there are hurting people everywhere. Keep this thought in mind as we pray for church members and staff this season. We should strive to be a going, caring, and praying church.



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YOUNG AT HEART

by: Rick Dove

One of the things exciting to me as I work with senior adults here at Independent Baptist Church is the way they reach out to care about one another. Many times I will go to visit someone who is ill at home or in the hospital, and one of the Young at Heart has already been there or has recently left. We see in Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ", the godly attitude we should have toward one another. Some folks do not see the burdens of those around them until they are pointed out to them; then they jump in and help. If we will begin looking at those around us and will see



to the burdens they are carrying, we will find our difficulties will be met as we set our sights on others.

Many of you receive the prayer list I try to send out every day. I know you are reading it because I get e-mails or questions from you about the needs of those on the list. Sometimes the thing we need to do is pray for those in need. One lady said I look forward to that prayer list every day. Oh, that we had that attitude about being able to spend time in prayer for one another. I think of the song entitled

"Others" and its chorus that says, "Others, Lord, yes others, let this my motto be, that even when I stop to pray my prayer might be for others." Let us set our sights this month on "others." I believe we will have a much more enjoyable month if we will.

I am working on two trips in December; one to Lancaster, PA, for the Christmas play which will be \$80 each and one at Constitution Hall in D.C. for the Army Christmas Musical. I will give you dates really soon. There will be a trip this coming spring for the new play, "Jonah." These are some exciting times we will be able to enjoy together.



Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 150:6

Honk, if you love Jesus! Autumn is here, and with it comes a lot of honking (from the skies anyway). Calls from overhead from large flocks of Canada Geese flying in V-shaped formation signal this wonderful transition into autumn. If you watch close enough, you might witness the hand-off of lead V-position by a weary, energy-consumed leader. It's amazing how helping one another makes their travel smoother. Even migratory stress is relieved by an elevation of their corticosterone stress hor-

JUST A THOUGHT

By: Valerie Creed

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mone. All this makes for smooth sailing. Honking is just their way of expressing gratitude to their Creator for easing the cares of the journey. As praise gets underway, the vibrations from the varied female and male honking fill the air. Even geese enjoy the thrill of competition when it comes to who can praise God the loudest. The next time you hear that familiar honking, why not praise your Creator for your journey's mercies, and *honk*; if you love Jesus!



HARVEST DAYS

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the special upcoming Harvest Days; kicking off with the Fall Revival with Evangelist Lou Rossi on October 2-5, then moving on to Round-up Sunday, October 9, a Sunday filled with fun activities such as chili & pie cook-offs. Pull out your cowboy and cowgirl garb because we are going western on Round-up Sunday as we seek to fill the Lord's house with visitors and to gather together as a church family. Next, we have International Sunday, October 16, a Sunday to see how many nationalities we can have represented. We will have a special give-away for everyone coming on this day. Don't forget to dress in your nation's cultural dress! Finally, we come to Friend Day, October 23, reaching out to your neighbors, co-workers and your local grocery cashier or Starbuck's employee. We need to show ourselves friendly and to have as many friends in church on this unique day as possible. There will be moon-bounces, popcorn, hot dogs, and many other fun things for our community following the service. You don't want to miss any of these exciting days as we seek to follow Christ and His will!

ADVANCE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By: James Stroud

During the month of August, several teens displayed random acts of kindness for those who they call "neighbor." What a tremendous impact this can have on the lives of others and can even lead to their salvation.

Isaac Bohac checked on his neighbor after the hurricane. Rachel Dove took care of her neighbor's cat (is she nuts?) while they were away on vacation. When they returned, she

made them some banana bread. David Fillmann raked leaves for his neighbor. Kike Akinwale mowed her neighbor's grass while Zachary Abot helped a neighbor clean his house.

It doesn't take much to show kindness, but it does require you to do something. Let's decide we are going to reach our areas, streets, and neighborhoods for the Lord. Let's find someone who Jesus would help if He were on this earth.

TEEN TRUTHS

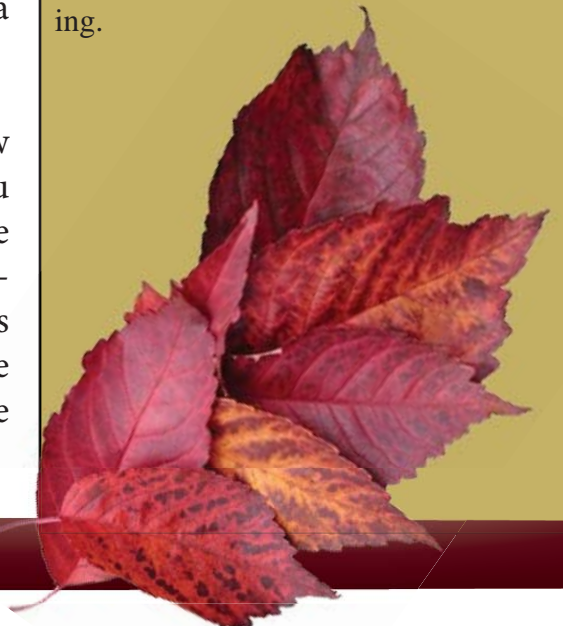
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What a tremendous joy it was last month to take some teens out soulwinning on a Wednesday night before church. We began our new session of Teens for Christ for the fall which includes taking the teens out to tell others about Christ the first Wednesday of each month.

As we paired up, I took two teens with me to help train them in personal soulwinning. What a great response we had that night with so many people being hungry for the Gospel. When our night was through, two folks were saved and at least four more went through the Romans Road of salvation but wanted more time to think about it.

I am so proud of young men and ladies who not only go but who also have a heart for others. I hope we never lose that zeal to tell others about Christ. I am so glad someone cared enough about me to let me know about heaven. Let us in these troubling times want to go more, tell more and give more to see others come to Him.

Remember the Leadership Conference is just around the corner. Keep praying for Pastor Skelly, our speaker, and the churches who are coming to this meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Tournament
October 1, 9:00 A.M.

Fall Revival
October 2-5

Round-Up Sunday
October 9

Deaf Baptist Ladies Retreat
October 13-15

International Sunday
October 16

Annual Youth Leadership Conference
October 20-21

College & Career – Belvedere Plantation
October 22

Friend Day
October 23

Master Clubs Ice Cream Social
October 23



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