



*“Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’ And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.”* Luke 24:5-6a, NKJV

Many churches today are spending so much of their time, energy, and finances on keeping the saints comfortable, they completely miss one of the most important responsibilities of all: winning our children to Christ.

Vacation Bible School is one of the most expensive ministries a church can undertake in the year. In fact, VBS is so expensive and labor intensive, many churches will simply forego offering one.

Here at IBC, we believe the cost of not offering Vacation Bible School is far greater in the long run, than rolling up our sleeves and doing our best to provide one. Why? Because no one can ever determine the value of one little child’s eternal destination, that’s why!

We believe Vacation Bible School is one of the very best investments we can ever make. It is the most cost effective mass evangelism strategy we can ever implement. That is why we go to great lengths to make it a fun, exciting, and spiritually enriching experience for many children in our area.

We will invest time, money and effort. We will create scenes that will dominate the look of our sanctuary. We will spend extra money to make the Friday night family celebration inviting to the parents of the children who come throughout the week. We will do all this and more, because we know that during this one week we will have more and better opportunities to share Jesus with these children than all of the other 51 weeks of the year put together!

Right now, let me take a moment to thank all those who are helping Kerri Johnson and Debbie Sigmon by serving as teachers, assistants, music and recreation leaders and snack artists. God bless you richly, and may your reward be great!

But that is not all that is happening in the month of June! **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, our Mens’ Ministry Breakfast** will be provided, along with a **prayer walk** to follow. **RA Race Day is Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>!** Come and enjoy the offerings of the **Sunday School** class goodies at the the **pre-race Tailgate Party**, right after morning worship. There will be no **Sunday Night Place** that evening, so there will be no need to rush home afterward!

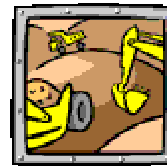
Come and help us man the **Mountain State Baptist Association** or the **IBC/WMU** booths at the **Princeton Street Fair** on **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity for us to publicize the upcoming VBS.

Then, we will open VBS week with our **Sunday Night Place** on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** with the first of our annual summer month outside services. VBS will officially conclude with the **Family Night Block Party** on **Friday evening, June 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Don’t forget to pray for our **Senior High** and **College Youth** as they leave for the **Creations Festival, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Summer is finally here. Let’s make it the best ever by using every opportunity to share the love of Christ.

Blessings & Peace,  
Brother Dan



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**

We are preparing for Immanuel’s 60<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. Isn’t it exciting to see that as we mark this wonderful milestone, the church is well on its way to completing another project to allow for expansion in the coming years!

As the final exterior portions are completed, we will begin moving inside to work on the heating/cooling and lighting and electrical systems. That means your continuing support is needed now, more than ever.

When you make your regular tithe payments, don’t forget to send in that extra \$10 per month designated offering for the building that each family can give to do their part. If possible, I hope you are going beyond that figure, as we continue working toward making this new space available for the future of Immanuel Baptist Church.

We must never forget that we are here today, presenting the message of Jesus Christ, because God put it upon the hearts of those who saved up nickels, dimes and quarters to put in oatmeal boxes to fund the church 60 years ago.

How fitting that we continue their sacrificial giving! How appropriate for us to prepare this ministry center for those who will be here after our own time of giving is past. Don’t miss out on investing yourself in the future, and being a part of IBC’s glorious past!



**Boomerang Express**

VBS is only a few weeks away and we need your help. First, the most important thing you can be doing is prayer! Please, pray for our VBS, teachers, helpers and children that will be attending. Second, be sure to invite everyone to our Boomerang Express VBS on June 15-19 from 6:30-9:00pm. Last but not least, we have several things we would like to be donated. Some things are for us to borrow and you would get them back, and other are things we will need for snacks every night. Be sure to see the sign up sheet in the foyer for what you can do. Thank you so much! I can’t wait to see what GOD does this year!



## Workers Needed

It's time again to do another nursery schedule. If you are willing to help take care of our precious little ones during morning services please let Debbie Sigmon know. The more we have to volunteer the fewer times each person will be in there. Please let Debbie know before June 21 so that she can make the new schedule.



You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Tina Juba and David Strock on June 13, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Burke Memorial Baptist Church. They are registered at Wal-Mart. Wedding date is June 29 in Williamsburg, VA



We have many new books in our library. Gay Totten's choices for this month are..."The Children of the King" by Max Lucado, "The Billy Graham", "The Power of a Promise Kept" and "The Shunning" by Beverly Lewis. There is something for everyone. Come by the office and check something out.

## Upcoming Mission Opportunities

- 06/07/09 Missions Race Day
- 06/11/09 Heaven Sent--GA's-leave church at 6:30
- 07/09/09 Bluefield Union Mission -- Youth -- leave church at 5:00
- 07/27-07/31/09 Missions Camp -- Open to all coming out of the 3rd grade thru those coming out of the 12th grade
- 08/13/09 Tender Mercies-NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET-leave church at 6:30
- 09/10/09 Heaven Sent -NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET -leave church at 6:30
- 10/08/09 Bluefield Union Mission-NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET-leave church at 5:00

The group listed for a Monthly Mission Project is the group that has signed up for it. If your group is not listed for an event and you want to go -- be at the church at the appointed time and go with them.

Missions Race Day collections so far thru lap two, 5/24 -- total given of \$270.87 towards the Clifford Compton Associational Mission Fund -- The John 3:16 and The Office classes are in the lead in this giving. Sunday School classes can help support their race car team by donating in the envelopes in your class room. Remember that for every \$100 given for a team, the team members each get an extra elimination in the Regular Missions Race. Our goal this year is \$2,200 with a stretch goal of \$2,500. June 7, 2009 is the race day with tailgate party and churchwide fellowship. Sunday School classes -- get your menus together and prepare to decorate your tailgate area, there will be judging of the decorations with awards. Come one come all and enjoy the activities of the day. Calling all campers. Missions Camp is not far off -- July 27-31, 2009 at a camp in Summersville WV. Anyone who will be coming out of the 3rd grade up through those who will be coming out of the 12th grade are eligible to go.





