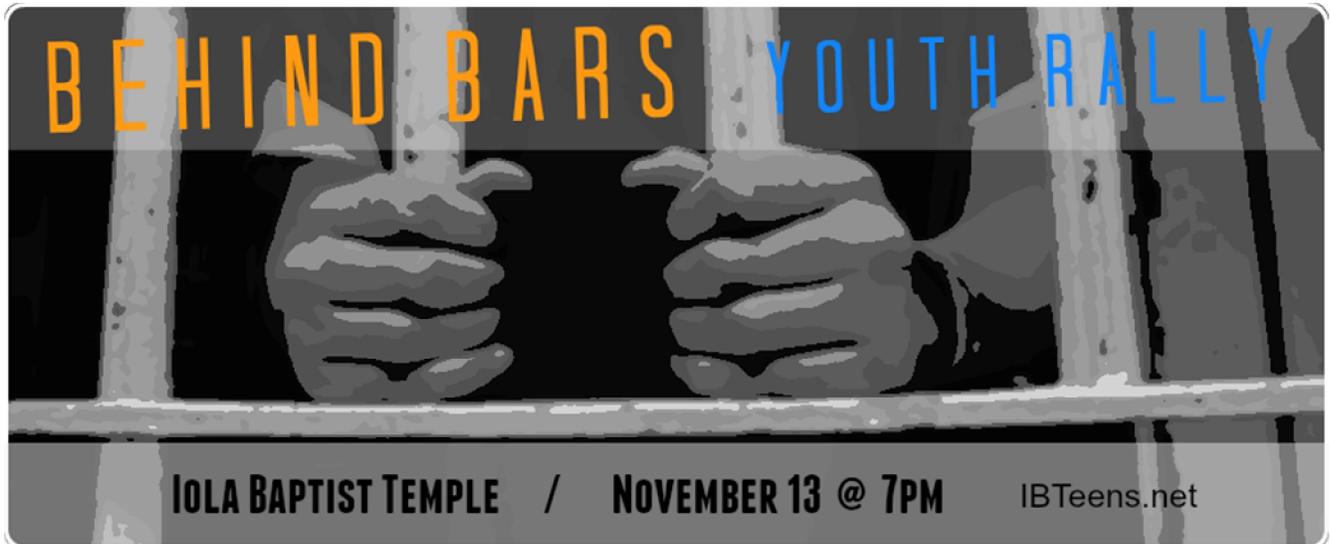


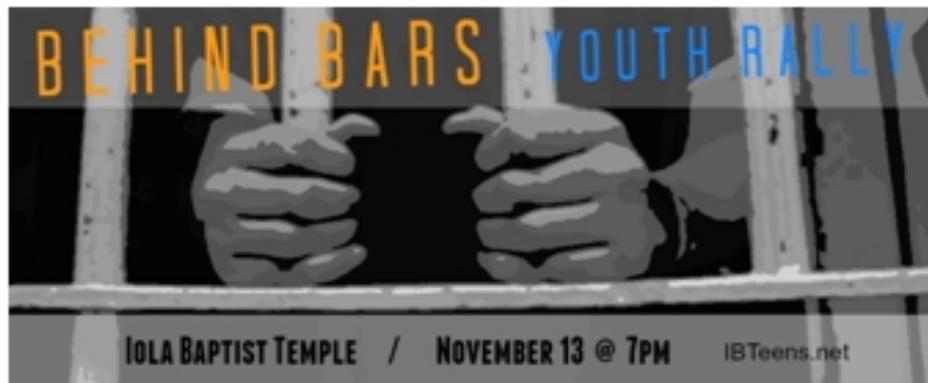
IOLA BAPTIST TEMPLE
2015 Youth Rally



Manual

Letter to churches:

You're Invited!



We are very excited to announce our 2015 youth rally, "Behind Bars." There are many prison stories in the Bible that teach us very valuable lessons, so we think this is a very fitting theme for our rally this year. In typical "IBTeen" fashion, we intend to go all out with the theme (if you've attended our rallies before, you probably know what we mean)!

This year we will be privileged to hear from some of the youth pastors who have been attending all of our previous November rallies. We thought it would be very beneficial for our young people to get better acquainted with some of the youth ministers they have been seeing at our rallies (as well as camps, conferences, etc). I have no doubt the Lord will be honored and glorified on this night; that is certainly our prayer!

As usual, we will enjoy some great food, entertaining skits, music, and more...no charge (love offering will be taken).

Guest Speakers:

John Williams from Centropolis Baptist Church, Ottawa (Pastor John Nelson)

Michael Schmidt from South Knollwood Baptist Church, Topeka (Pastor Jeremiah Metsinger)

Travis Pittman from First Baptist Church, Mission (Pastor Larry Scupham)

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1. Purpose:

To help teens 1) to recognize the reality of the consequences of the choices they make in their lives, 2) to appreciate the time and effort others have invested in them to help them make the right choices, and 3) to consider their own involvement in ministry.

2. Plan:

- 2.1. Helping teens recognize the reality of the choices they make in their lives.
 - 2.1.1. The "Behind Bars" theme should simulate, to some degree, the conditions in which one is forced to live when their life choices have led them down the wrong path.
 - 2.1.1.1 Although the night will be enjoyable and entertaining, it should be sobering at times.
 - 2.1.1.2 The host should bring this point out throughout the night.
 - 2.1.2. Each speaker will have liberty with the theme and the application of the text they use,
 - 2.1.3. But certainly this objective will be reached, to some degree, during the preaching time.
- 2.2. Helping teens appreciate the time and effort others have invested in them.
 - 2.2.1. The featured youth pastors will each be interviewed and their ministry to teens recognized.
 - 2.2.2. The host should stress this point throughout the night.
- 2.3. Helping teens consider their own involvement in ministry.
 - 2.3.1 Along with recognizing all the efforts made by youth ministers, the ministry should also be somewhat glorified and recommended as both something teens can help with in the present as well as a future "career opportunity" (as much as ministry can be considered a "career").
 - 2.3.2 A clear challenge should be given at some point in the night for all to consider their role in ministering to other teens.

3. Procedures:

- 3.1. Schedule of events:

6:30 - Early Dinner (IBT workers/speakers and their guests)

7:00 - Dinner on arrival

7:30 - Introductory video and welcome

7:32 - Congregational singing ("I'm Free Again,")

7:35 - Meet the 1st speaker (Michael Schmidt)

7:45 - Special by IBT Men's Trio ("God Wants To Hear You Sing").

7:50 - 1st speaker (Michael Schmidt - "Paul and Silas Behind Bars")

8:10 - Invitation

8:20 - Game hosted by 1st speaker (Michael Schmidt)

**8:30 - Congregational singing ("I'm Free")
(Offering)**

8:35 - Skit (Act 1, scene 1 &2)

8:40 - Meet the 2nd speaker (John Williams)

8:50 - 2nd Speaker (John Williams - "John the Baptist Behind Bars")

9:10 - Reflection and prayer

9:15 - Game hosted by 2nd speaker (John Williams)

9:25 - Skit (Act 2, scene 1&2)

9:35 - Offering

9:40 - Meet the 3rd speaker (Travis Pittman)

9:50 - Special by ladies ("Now I Can See")

9:55 - 3rd speaker (Travis Pittman - "In Bondage To Sin")

10:15 - Reflection and prayer

10:20 - Game hosted by 3rd speaker(Travis Pittman)

10:30 - Dismissal (Fellowship and refreshments)

3.2. Description of events:

3.2.1 Food

3.2.1.1. Early Dinner

3.2.1.1.1 IBT workers and teens will eat with the speakers and their church members that come to the rally

3.2.1.1.1.1. To help us get to know the each other a little better

3.2.1.1.1.2. To help our groups get done eating before guests show up so we can greet and host

3.2.1.1.1.3. To make more space in the Fellowship Hall for crowds

3.2.1.1.2 All workers, speakers, and speaker's family and guests should go to auditorium when churches are arriving.

3.2.1.2. Dinner on arrival

3.2.1.2.1. All servers are already in place and ready to serve

3.2.1.2.3. Food should be served cafeteria style (similar to prison cafeterias)

3.2.1.3. Refreshments after dismissal

3.2.1.3.1. We will be serving cookies, coffee, etc. after the rally

3.2.1.3.2. We will have some bags made up for those who wish to go home, others can stay and fellowship.

3.2.2. Welcome

3.2.2.1. Introductory video is played, introducing theme and speakers.

3.2.2.2. Brief explanation of the rally should be given by host with welcoming words.

3.2.3. Music

3.2.3.1. Congregational singing

3.2.3.1.1. We will have a congregational song right before introducing 1st speaker and another song later, before the second speaker.

3.2.3.1.2. Songs will be taught as if teaching a choir ("I'm Free Again," and "I'm Free")

3.2.3.2. Special music

3.2.3.2.1. Men will be singing "God Wants to Hear You Sing" before the 1st message.

3.2.3.2.2. Ladies will be singing "Now I Can See" before the 3rd message.

3.2.4. Interviews with Speakers

3.2.4.1 Planned questions to be asked to speakers during their interview:

-How long have you been working with youth?

-How did you get into "youth ministry" (Did you plan on working with youth or did it just "happen")?

-Would you share one of the greatest moments you've had with your youth group?

-How about the craziest moment (silly, unique, amazing...)

-What is one bit of advice you'd like to give to youth today?

"You Have A Visitor"

Characters:

Anonymous Inmates (offstage)

Guard #1

Guard #2

Visitor#1

Visitor#2

Visitor#3

Henry

Liza

Inmate101

Inmate 102

Intercom Voice

Act 1 (Scene 1)

(Inmate #101 is sitting on bed praying with Bible on lap)

Intercom Voice

"Attention cell block A. We have a visitor for inmate 101!"

(Guard #1 escorts Visitor #1 to jail cell)

(Sound of gate unlocking, opening, and slamming shut)

Guard #1

"101, you have a visitor."

(Inmate #101 stands up and walks toward the bars)

Visitor #1

"Hey, buddy. You doing alright? I'm so sorry you've got to be here, I know you didn't do what you are accused of doing, but you know and I know that God has got a plan in all this. Remember Romans 8:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. He can use you in this situation if you will let Him! Maybe He has you here just so you can be a witness to one of the inmates, or a guard. Hang in there, man. We are praying for you."

(Inmate#101 nods his head in acknowledgement)

(Visitor #1 turns toward guard and nods)

(Guard #1 comes and escorts Visitor #1 off stage)

(Scene 2)

Intercom Voice

"Attention cell block A. Another visitor for inmate 101!"

(Guard #1 escorts Visitor #2 to jail cell)
(Sound of gate unlocking, opening, and slamming shut)

"101, you have another visitor."
(Inmate 101 stands up and walks toward the bars)

Visitor#2

"Hey guy! I know you just talked to Brother Mike, but I'd like to add a little something. I know you can get really down in here. You may even have your doubt sometimes about whether God really cares for you or not. You've got to remember that the work of God is bigger than you. It's bigger than me! You may not think it is fair that you are here while others get to enjoy their freedom out there, but remember God owns you! Remember in 1 Corinthians 6:19 and 20 the Bible says "...ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price..." You belong to Him! We love you and we are praying for you. See you soon!"

(Inmate nods his head in acknowledgement)
(Visitor #2 turns toward guard and nods)
(Guard #1 comes and escorts Visitor #2 off stage)

Act 2
(Scene 1)

(Inmate #2 is laying in bed looking at the ceiling)

Intercom Voice

"Attention cell block A. We have a visitor for inmate 102!"

(Guard #1 escorts Visitor #3 to jail cell)
(Sound of gate unlocking, opening, and slamming shut)

Guard #1

"102, you have a visitor."
(Inmate #102 sits up, surprised)

Inmate #102

"Who me?!"
(Inmate #102 stands up and walks toward the bars)

Visitor #3

"I can't believe you are in here again. What did you do this ti...no, I don't even want to know! This is every youth pastor's worst nightmare. Really! Where did I go wrong? I mean, I taught you to read your Bible, love the Lord and follow His commandments. You came to church just about every week...I don't get it!

But look, I didn't come here to give you a hard time. I just wanted you to know we still love you, and God still loves you. The Bible is clear that God will still forgive you and you don't have to keep living this way! I'm going to keep praying for you. One day, maybe you will wake up and quit being in bondage to sin!

(Inmate hangs his head)

(Visitor #3 turns toward guard and nods)

(Guard #1 comes and escorts Visitor #3 off stage)

(Scene 2)
(Henry Visits Prison)

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3.2.6. Games

3.2.6.1. Each guest speaker will be presenting one of their favorite games.

3.2.6.2. IBT workers will be ready to assist.

3.2.6.3. Prizes given to the winners.

3.2.7. Sermons (Host is somewhat familiar with how sermons will fit with the theme, but full liberty is given to each speaker to preach what the Lord has laid on their heart.)

3.2.8. Invitations

3.2.8.1. Salvation invitation will be given after first sermon

3.2.8.1.1. Youth leaders will be asked to deal with their own youth

3.2.8.1.2. Further challenge will be given for saved teens to pray for unsaved friends and family.

3.2.8.1.3. Invitation does not have to be drawn out if people aren't coming forward.

3.2.8.2. Unless otherwise led, invitation following 2nd and 3rd sermons will not include an "altar call," but all will be asked to take a moment to consider the message and to pray at their seats.