



Research shows that this generation of teenagers, Generation Z, is the first post-Christian generation in the history of the United States. It is obvious that many teenagers are bearing the brunt of the consequences of that change. Teen suicide rates are up, and bullying and drug use continue to plague teenagers. The gospel, though, is a light in the darkness facing today's teenagers, delivering good news about the free gift of salvation found only in Jesus.

Because of these realities, we are joining together for **Dare 2 Live on Saturday, October 10**. We'll be joining up with youth groups around the nation, hearing from nationally recognized speakers, artists, and bands. The vision is the help our teens develop a heart for the lost. We want to give them the tools to relationally share the gospel. We want to launch them into our community to evangelize. We want to see our teens on fire to reach their generation.

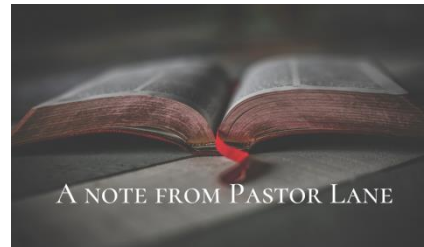
The cost for this event is only \$5 per student. Registration & event details are online at ibcsav.com/dare2share.

Andrew

As always, receive regular student ministry updates by texting "ibcsavUth" to **81010**, and children's ministry updates by texting "ibcsavkids" to **81010**

Dear Church Family,

I love what I do. I know a lot of people who don't like their job, and I feel for them. Really I do. Because it's nice to go to work every day when you enjoy it. I like to preach, and I like to prepare to preach. I like interacting with people in a multitude of settings. I like dreaming about the future and how we can get there. I like walking with people through the ups and downs of life. I like so much of what I do.



But not everything.

You know one of the things I don't like to do? Writing newsletter articles. I know I should cherish the opportunity. Some great men of the past have used similar platforms to share amazing insights. But I often have a hard time deciding what I want to write about. So I kinda roll my eyes when our secretary, Candace, says, "I need your newsletter article."

Until recently, that is.

Soon after we sent out our last newsletter, I received the nicest note from Ruby Brown. Now, I haven't sought out her permission to share anything specific in that brief card, so I'm not going to. But I can tell you she was simply expressing her appreciation for my newsletter articles, even going on to tell me one of her favorites.

That really hit home with me. Here I was complaining about having to write an article that I should be eager to write. I think my issue was that it seemed to be so trivial, so routine, so non-impactful. Then Ruby reminded me that what might seem to be a small, meaningless project can actually be quite meaningful to someone on the other end. And we might not even know it!

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One of our Cross Training classes this Fall is titled "Worship Essentials". We are going to explore 4 values that we as a church should strive for to have a healthy worship ministry, and most importantly, consider a Biblical rationale of why these values are essential to the impact of our worship ministry. We will meet on Sundays at 6pm in the Gaddy Building starting on September 27.



The choir is just beginning to work on our Christmas Musical "How To Have The Best Christmas Ever". It features drama, choir, solos, all wrapped up in a relatable story. A great reminder that we need to find the joy in the moment we are living in – not dreaming of how things were in the past. We would love to have you take part! Join us for rehearsals Wednesday nights at 7pm.

PraiSing Him,
Mark

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Am I the only one? Is it possible that you have grown weary in doing good because you're not sure if it even matters anymore? Are you going through the motions of some ministry or activity because you feel like you have to, but you just don't see the point? Learn my lesson with me. If you're going to do it, do it as unto the Lord. Because while it may seem small to you, it could be life-giving to someone else.

Now, come newsletter time, I have instituted the "Ruby Rule." That simply says that I can't complain about it. I have to do it with joy and purpose and just pray that God will somehow use it to uplift someone who may receive it.

Is there anything you're doing that could use the "Ruby Rule?" I'll share it with you.

Thanks, Ruby!
Pastor Lane

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Join us for Wednesday Night Live every Wednesday on Facebook.

We have a pre-show game beginning at 6:15 and Bible Study & Prayer Time begin at 6:30

Thank you from the family of Sarah Boswell
Dear Immanuel Family,
Thank you so much for your cards, calls, and many prayers lifted on our Mother's behalf in the last months. She loved her IBC family and missed being with you so much.
The wonderful meal that you brought to us following her death was delicious and like a balm for our weary souls. We are so grateful for your kindness.
God Bless You All!
David and Jenny Britt and Family!

Our Food Pantry is always in need of items!

Please continue to support this ministry when you are able. All non-perishable items are welcome!

Cross Training Begins September 20th @ 6:00

Equipped to Serve

Spiritual Gifts
with Lane Sanders

A Cross Training Class
Beginning September 20th
@ 6:00pm

life + love ben stuart

In a society where everyone is supposedly more connected, why do people feel so lonely? Even as marriage rates decline, recent studies find the overwhelming majority of single adults still hope to get married. But how can you navigate life and love in this disconnected culture?

Life + Love Bible Study from Ben Stuart will help you chart a course through four relational stages: singleness, dating, engagement, and marriage. Learn to embrace God's design and live out His purpose for each stage of your life.

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.



"Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."



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• Begins September 27

Andrew Desko has been at IBC for 1 year today!

We are thankful to have him on staff!

Happy Anniversary Andrew!

We have multiple ways you can give.

You can choose to mail it to the church at:

7375 Hodgson Memorial Drive
Savannah, GA 31406

You can bring it by the church.

You can set up with your bank to automatically send a check. You would call your bank or go online to set this up.

We also offer online giving. Go to our website at ibcsav.com. We have had this for a while. It is a safe and secure way of tithing.

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