

# The Reminder

FEBRUARY 2012

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## Fellowship



### Our Sweet Connection

What good fellowship we enjoyed  
as we walked together to the house of God

*Psalm 55:14*

**Sunday February 12 @ Noon  
Come for a Ham lunch  
Everyone is Welcome!**

*PABC lives to encourage people to have  
a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ*

# Rich's Review

## Sweet Connection

**It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment of everything he will give us.**

*2Corinthians 1:21-22*

**Life happens quick. Some days it seems like troubles have joined in a conspiracy against us. We can find ourselves sinking under responsibilities and unexpected challenges. Erwin McManus wrote about being prepared for life in Christ. "Spontaneity is rapid action in response to unforeseen circumstances informed by previously determined values." The Spirit confirms in us the truth of God. He is the guide, like a GPS (God Positioning System), to keep us on track when we face life as it happens.**

**When the Lord "commissioned us" (anointed in the NASB) not only means we have a job to do, but it means we have all we need to get the job done. God didn't just send His disciples out, He sent them out with His Spirit. Whatever you and I face today, our Lord has gifted us with His ability and authority to deal with life well. We can see and share out of His power.**

**"Us" is an important aspect to our sweet connection. Next month I will have the privilege of speaking at the 10th anniversary of a church started by a friend, a former member of our church in Connecticut. The church is in Mississippi. Only God could bring about that fellowship. We have joy with one another as the Lord works in our hearts. As we each grow closer to Him, we can't help but grow closer to each other. Walk with God. Live by faith. The Spirit in me is the Spirit in you.**

**I am blessed to be your pastor**  
*Rich*

# Ministry Operation Plan

## **Fellowship Team - Leader: Donna McWethy**

**Caring for and building unity in the Body of Christ that is P.A.B.C. One objective will be to welcome and help new members transition into church life. The team will develop and implement activities, events, and programs to encourage and support the members of the church. They will actively seek to promote the unity of the Body and mutual care among members.**

## **Evangelism & Missions Team - Leader: Margo Kelly**

**Reaching our community and world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the focus of the Evangelism and Missions Team. The objective will be to lead and involve the church in evangelistic activities, events, mission projects, and training to share the good news of Jesus Christ.**

## **Worship Team - Leader: Darin Brown**

**Exalting and magnifying Jesus Christ through worship is the focus of the Worship Team. The objective is to lead and involve the church in God-honoring, Christ-centered worship services, events and activities. The team will actively seek to discover, develop, and use worship talents and gifts. They will provide oversight of meaningful worship experiences both for regular and special events.**

## **Discipleship Team - Leader needed (Pastor Rich will provide initial leadership)**

**Growing believers, helping them deepen their commitment to Christ and promoting spiritual maturity is the focus of the Discipleship Team. The objective of the Discipleship Team is to train believers to follow Christ, by knowing and fulfilling His purpose for their lives. The team will develop and execute spiritual growth opportunities for believers.**

## **Ministry Team - Leader: Linda Gregory**

**Serving our community by meeting needs through church members equipped and organized to provide care is the focus of the Ministry Team. The objective of the Ministry Team is to express Jesus Christ in our community by meeting needs through the gifts and abilities of members. The team will work to develop relationships in the community to identify needs and coordinate service between members and the community.**

## **Administrative Team - Leader: Bruce Stickers**

**Providing stewardship and acquiring resources to fulfill the purpose of the church will be the focus of the Administrative Team. The objective of the team will be to serve the church and other teams through the management of church resources, both of people and property. They will communicate, coordinate, and promote cooperation for church and ministry development.**

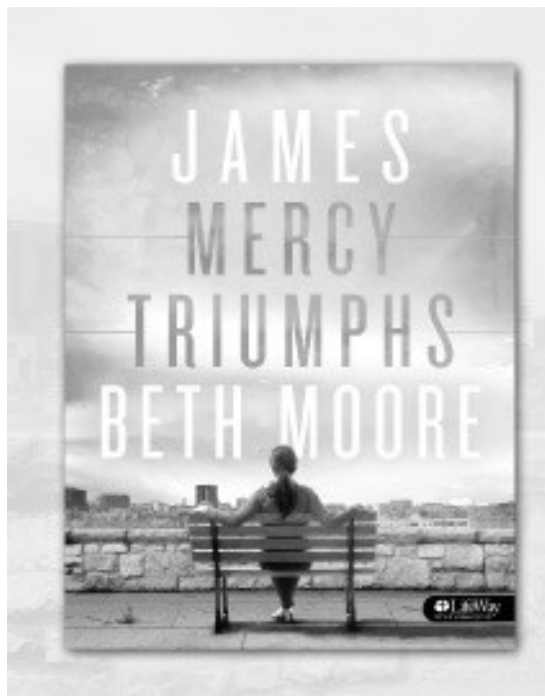
You are invited to sign-up to be on a team.

**CHOOSING AN AREA TO SERVE**

A handout has been available for a couple of weeks outlining the 5 areas PABC will emphasize to make us well rounded in our service to the Lord. It is very important for all members to determine which area of service best fits you and then to signup. Team Leaders, the pastor and deacons are available to discuss any possible areas of service you are interested in and answer any questions.

Times have changed and is necessary for us to be prepared to meet the challenges that come our way and take advantage of opportunities in our community. The Bible tells us this can only be done by us acting as a body with all parts fulfilling their duties. Pray for how God would like to use you and be prepared to be in His service through membership in PABC.

*Bruce Stickers*



**Beth Moore's Bible Study**  
**James**  
**Mercy Triumphs**

- \* **Wednesday mornings at 10:00**  
**begins Feb 8**
- \* **Thursday evenings at 6:30**  
**begins Feb 9**
- \* **Groups limited to 10**
- \* **Cost \$15/person for workbook**
- \* **8 week study**

**For information contact**

**Janet Buchanan 417-860-1601 or call the church office**

## **DEACONS IN THE NEW YEAR**

**Over the past year the deacons have helped the nominating committee and the church with a new organizational structure that organizes our efforts around 5 areas. These are Evangelism and Missions, Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship and Ministry. The organization was refined with church membership input and voted on at a business meeting. The nominating committee recruited leaders for each area and the church is now in the final phases of recruiting members to serve in each area. This will prepare PABC for meeting the challenges we face as we witness to our community and provide a worship experience for our members.**

**The Deacons are currently working on a statement that helps explain how our church mission "PABC lives to encourage people to have a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ." The statement will take the 5 areas of church emphasis and put a Bible verse with each one and describe how each member can take positive steps in their lives to draw closer to Jesus Christ. A church that pays attention to fellowship, worship, evangelism and missions, discipleship and ministry will be able to face the opportunities and challenges of living in our society. As soon as our revisions are out it will be presented to the church for suggestions and then it will become part of our church mission. The goal is to have a practical way for members to fulfill the mission of the church based on Biblical principles.**

***2012 Deacons - Bruce Stickers, Bill Rodemoyer, Harold Wheatley, Jerry Kelly & Tony Buchanan***

**Worship Team: Glorify God**

**Practice with the Worship Team**

**Thursdays @ 6 PM**

**All voices & instruments welcome**

**Ministry Team: Serve in His Name**

**\* Get involved @ CCNH**

**We need help on Sunday mornings.**

**\* Help children**

**@ the Baptist Children's Home**

**www.bchfs.com**

**Missions Team: Go - tell the world**

**\* Team Meeting**

**Sunday February 26 @ Noon**

**\* Children in Action**

**Wednesday at 6:30 PM**

**Discipleship Team: Grow in Grace**

**\* Women of Faith**

**August 24-25 in Indy**

**\* Iron Sharpens Iron - Men**

**April 21**

**Fellowship** Our Sweet  
**Connection**



**Everyone is welcome to join us  
on February 12 immediately  
following the morning worship  
for a fellowship luncheon.**

**Donna McWethy will contact you  
if you need to bring a dish.**



## **Children's Ministry Day 2012.**

**We will encourage our children to serve their communities and live their faith by getting involved with missions projects related to education.**

**This year we will be providing teachers at Wiley school with appreciation bags. These bags will be filled with appreciation items as well as supplies that teachers often buy out of their own monies.**

**Our PABC children will help package the items and they will be delivered to the school on Friday February 17, 2012.**

**We need your help in getting some of the items we would like to include. We are trying to make 30 bags in order to ensure that all of our cherished Wiley teachers receive an appreciation bag.**

**Please see below for a list of those items, donations will be accepted through Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tea bags  
Individual wrapped chocolates  
Mints / Gum  
Kleenex  
Band aides  
Flash cards  
Hand sanitizer  
Scotch tape (regular & double)  
Dry erase markers**

# Leap(of faith)Day

February 29, 2012

Once every four years we add a day to our calendar, February 29.

I want to invite you to take a leap of faith. A leap of faith is a leap into the light. The leap you are invited to take is a leap into the light of the Lord's revelation for your life. Paul wrote to the believers at Ephesus, "Be wise . . . make the most of your time".

Here's how it works

## Silent Lord's Supper

Wednesday February 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Come to church and take the Lord's Supper as an individual, with your family, or with a friend. This will be a time to focus on the Lord and your life in the Lord. You come and go on your own schedule.

Then . . .

Take the devotional guide home with you and for the next seven days, pray asking the Lord to speak His truth into your life.

And . . .

Sunday February 26 there will be a call to prayer. During the morning worship service, plan to come to the altar and pray for God to speak to our church and each heart.

So . . .

## Leap (of faith) Day

Wednesday February 29, 6:30 p.m.

Come, pray and share what God has said to you. There will be a unique and personal commitment time during this prayer meeting.

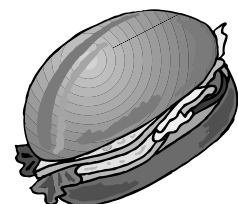
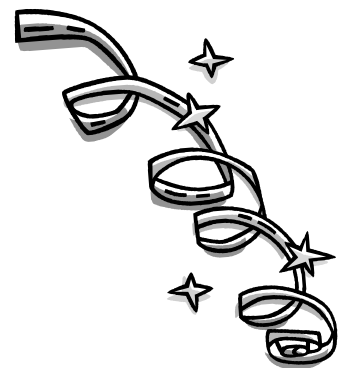
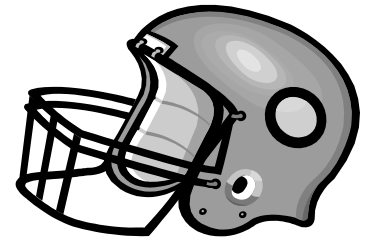
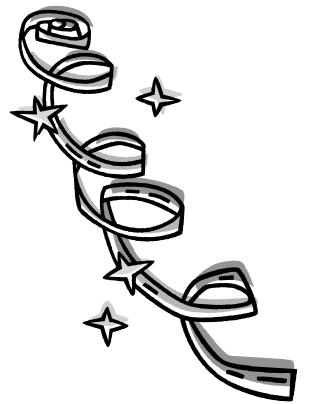
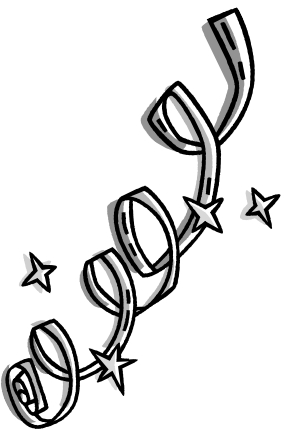
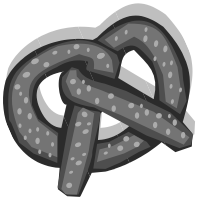
8 Days—Praying in Faith



**P.A.B.C. Annual  
Superbowl Party  
February 5<sup>th</sup>  
5 PM**

**Bring your favorite  
football snack  
to share.**

**Join in with the  
fellowship & fun.**



## Youth Group

*Jr. High and Sr. High*

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP Meeting at 9:30 AM  
in the Youth Room 2nd Floor Youth Group 6 PM**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**GAME NIGHT/SHARE & PRAYER  
6:30 PM Youth Room Q  
quarterly "Recharge at the Summit"**

**We are always doing something fun here at PABC.  
Join our Facebook group to keep updated on  
what is going on!**

*Facebook Group: PABC Live*



**FUEL  
Sunday  
6 PM**

**Youth Game Night Each Wednesday Time: 6:30-7:45 PM.**

**Friday, February 10 7:30PM-2AM @ PABC**

**"Is it TOO Late?" Lock-in Seminar**

**A special speaker will be coming to discuss love and relationships. Following the seminar, students will have a lock-in until 2 am. Lazertag, movies, food and fun will be served. This event is for 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders.**

**Contact Pastor Dave for more info.**

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM-9:30PM**

**2710 Summit Court, Urbana, IL (Pastor Dave and Jill's House)**

**"Guys and Girls night out"**

**-Meet at 7PM at Pastor Dave's house for a fun outing, "just for guys." The ladies will meet at the same time, same place for a night of "girl time." This will be a great opportunity for students to connect for fellowship.**

**Contact Pastor Dave or Jill Coy for more info.**

EXPERIENCING  
**GOD**

**College Bible Study  
Each Tuesday 7 PM**



**Experiencing God College Bible Study Resumes. College Students meet at 7PM in the Student Area for food and fellowship. At 8PM, the Bible Study begins, concluding at 9PM. See Pastor Dave for more details.**



Donna McWethy	02/01
Cameron Dressen	02/06
Bill Flowers	02/07
Nicholus Flowers	02/13
Adam Flowers	02/13
Jim Calhoun	02/20
Brenda Masters	02/20
J.D. Sechrest	02/20
Jo Burgard	02/21
Ernest Witruk	02/21
Shelby McNattin	02/25
Barb Roy	02/29



**Call the Church Office**

- \* if you move
  - \* or have a new phone number
  - \* or new e-mail address
  - \* if you have surgery
  - \* or go to the hospital
  - \* if you see wrong info in the bulletin/newsletter
- You can help us pray and minister more effectively.*

MARCH 2012

REMINDER  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE



IS

FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> !!

We would like for you to be involved with the Reminder Newsletter. Give us a few lines on your upcoming church related events. Please turn all articles into the church office

or

E-Mail them to Bev -  
pabcurbana@aol.com

Thanks!



**WEEK OF  
PRAYER  
NORTH  
AMERICAN  
MISSIONS  
MARCH 4-11**



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**Student Ministries Director**  
**Worship Ministries Director**  
**Pianist**  
**Office Secretary**  
**Caretaker**

**Bible Study** 9:30 am  
**Morning Worship** 10:45 am  
**Evening Worship** 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday Activities** 6:30 pm