

The Reminder

MAY 2019

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★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



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Rich's Review

PABC, where the hope of Jesus is alive!

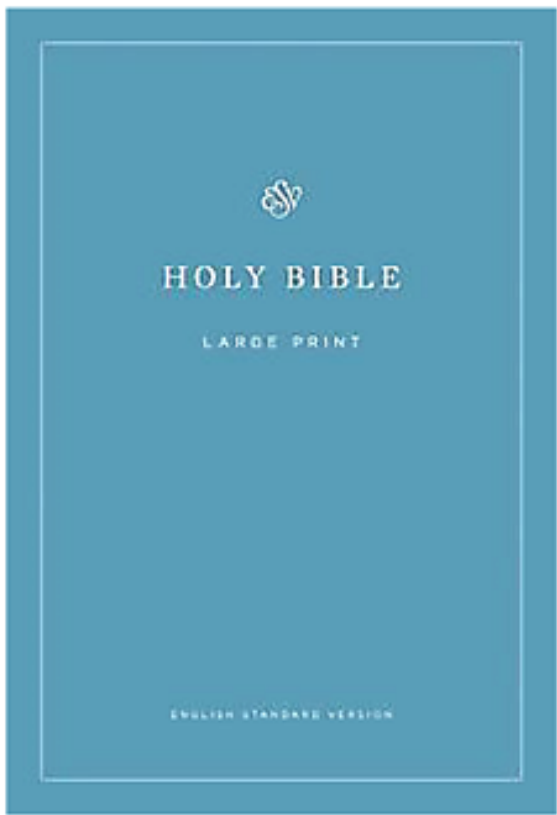
Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Romans 13:7

National Day of Prayer (5/2), Mother's Day (5/12), Graduation Day (U of I 5/11), Memorial Day (observed 5/27) May definitely has a theme - honoring those who have earned honor. These are days when taking time to honor the Lord, our moms, graduates and patriots can bring order and strength to our days.

Peace comes from the Lord and from within our hearts from Him. In the world we have chaos and fear. In the Lord we have peace and strength. Just as with our order of days this May, we should order our days in prayer. First, God deserves first place. He alone gives all we need. Then, our family, we owe top priority. And, we need to respect and serve our country, recognizing the blessing of God given freedom, purchased in service.

These celebrations are also reflections on the great works of God's hands. His provision, blessing and care for us. When we pause to remember all He has done, we face the future with confident expectation that He will see us through whatever may come. Take time to seek the Lord and to rejoice in His goodness. Your heart will be encouraged.

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



Ranae's Gift

ESV Outreach Bibles

New in the Pew
and ready to share

Discipleship and Evangelism tools to
share with our church, family,
community and world

“Rise to Life” is the current teaching focus at PABC. The goal is to help prepare us to live for Christ each day realizing God’s peace and purpose.

According to our theme for 2019, Jesus “gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” Titus 2:14. Those good works relate to sharing true life with our world.

“*Ranae’s Gift*” Bibles given in honor of our sister in the Lord, Ranae Helpingstine, are designed to promote evangelism and discipleship for God’s glory. The ESV Outreach Bible has content that introduces the user to spiritual life.

In front of the biblical text there is an article, “Why Read the Bible?” There is also a 40 day Bible Reading Guide to help begin a daily devotional practice which is vital to every disciple. Following the text of Scripture is a detailed “Plan of Salvation.”

These Bibles will be used as gifts and tools to spread the Gospel, making disciples and spreading hope. Jesus Christ is our blessed hope. We will be working on training the church in sharing the Bibles.

2019 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we look to You alone for the future of America. By Your providence, You have placed each of us here at this time in history to be in this nation. Thank You for this blessing. Thank You for America.

BUT ABOVE ALL, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. It is in His name, we come to You as we intercede in prayer for America.

FORGIVE US, OH LORD, for the sins we have committed against You in America. We are failing You by dishonoring one another through our harsh and bitter words about each other. We are failing You through broken relationships. We are failing You by devaluing human life from conception until death. We are failing You with the division in our nation.

LORD, WE TURN FROM these sinful actions and refuse to live this way. Please forgive us now and help us to choose love over hate, unity over division, and life over death.

WE CHOOSE to live by Jesus' words: Love One Another. Therefore, upon the authority of Your Word in John 13:34, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you," we pray for a future America that will choose to love willfully, sacrificially, and unconditionally just like Jesus loves us.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH in America to love one another. Empower each church to be full of love for one another. Ignite a revival of love for one another. Since we are to be known by our love, help us to love one another.

WE PRAY FOR EVERY FAMILY, EVERY WORKPLACE, EVERY COMMUNITY, AND EVERY CITY IN AMERICA to choose love. We believe there is power in love. We believe love is the better way. We believe love is God's Way. Oh Lord, change families, workplaces, communities, and cities through the power of love. Raise up a Love One Another movement across America.

WE PRAY FOR ALL ETHNICITIES AND PEOPLE IN AMERICA to love one another. Lord, tear down every wall of division and change any attitude that divides us today. Bind up our nation's wounds and may the transforming love of God lead us to the day when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR LOVE to surround America. We pray for Your love to surround and protect us in every public setting and private place. Protect us from harm.

WE BELIEVE ALL OF THESE THINGS, OH LORD, represent our deep need for the next great move of God across America. We ask You alone for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Please, oh God, wake up Your church and revive Your people today. We ask You to begin a mighty spiritual awakening in every town, every city, and every county in America.

WE NEED AND DESIRE THIS SO MUCH, THAT BEGINNING RIGHT NOW, we are choosing love and forgiveness, love and restitution, love and healing, love and unity, and a future that will be transformed by the power of unconditional love. When we belong to You, we belong to love. We choose to Love One Another!

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, the only Savior and Hope in this world we pray. Amen.

Dr. Ronnie Floyd
President, National Day of Prayer Task Force
Senior Pastor, Cross Church





Join us for a local observance of Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery on Memorial Day at 9:00 a.m. This observance is sponsored each year by the local VFW. This is a family event. There is a 21 gun salute to the fallen, so if loud noises bother you bring ear protection.



**Fellowship Night
@ Illinois Field**

**Wednesday May 1st
6:00 p.m.**

**Illinois Field is located
on Kirby/Florida Ave.**



Baptist Children's Home and Family Services



Last year, BCHFS was able to provide Christ-centered care to 1,935 people – a 51% increase over the previous year. As the need for our vital services continues to grow, so does our dependence on the generosity of God’s people. As we continue to care for at-risk youth, unwed mothers, babies, children and those struggling with mental health issues, we do so without financial support from federal and state government because Christian evangelism and discipleship **MUST** remain at the center of all we do.

It costs approximately \$150 to provide a day of care for a BCHFS resident. Please support this year’s Mother’s Day Offering and provide struggling individuals and families with the tools they need to change course and experience God’s best for their lives.

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES



“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ([Numbers 6:24-26](#))

Dear God, we thank you that your huge favor, blessing, and powerful light surrounds our children. We pray that your presence would continually shine on them, and that you would be gracious to them and give them great peace.

We ask that you would help them to always know how very much they are loved, especially by you. Make them constantly aware that you are always with them; fill them with the faith to believe your words are true and that your Spirit guides them.

We ask that they would find full confidence in the security of your love and care for them. We pray that you would give them health physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and would protect them from disease, illness, or any harm to their minds and spirits.

We ask boldly for you to equip them for every purpose you have for their lives, and give them constant endurance to run the race well.



*Mother's Day
is Sunday May 12*



River of Life Church

Pray for our ministry partners, Pastor Thomas Li and River of Life Church as they continue to reach out to the Chinese community in CU. We are looking forward to celebrating Pastor Thomas' ordination this summer.



PABC CAR CLUB

Building Day



(rescheduled due to weather)

Saturday, May 4

9 AM

The PABC Car Club will be finishing the repair our church garage. This includes fixing door frames and rails, locks, siding and some painting.

This is not only open to club participants, but anyone skilled in building/carpentry.



After School Bash

May 31 6-9pm

Coy Home

School's Out celebration at the Coy Home for 6th Grade through College Students.



BUILDING FUND

A brand new boiler has been installed and is working! Thanks to your generous gifts the upgrade was made debt free.

Plans are being made to upgrade and repair other parts of our facilities. There are needs for a new sign, roof repairs and parking lot repairs to name a few.

Please pray and give as the Lord directs so the work can continue.



Wednesday May 15, 6:30 p.m.



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Sunday School
Fellowship
Morning Worship

9:30 am
10:15 am
10:45 am