

The Reminder

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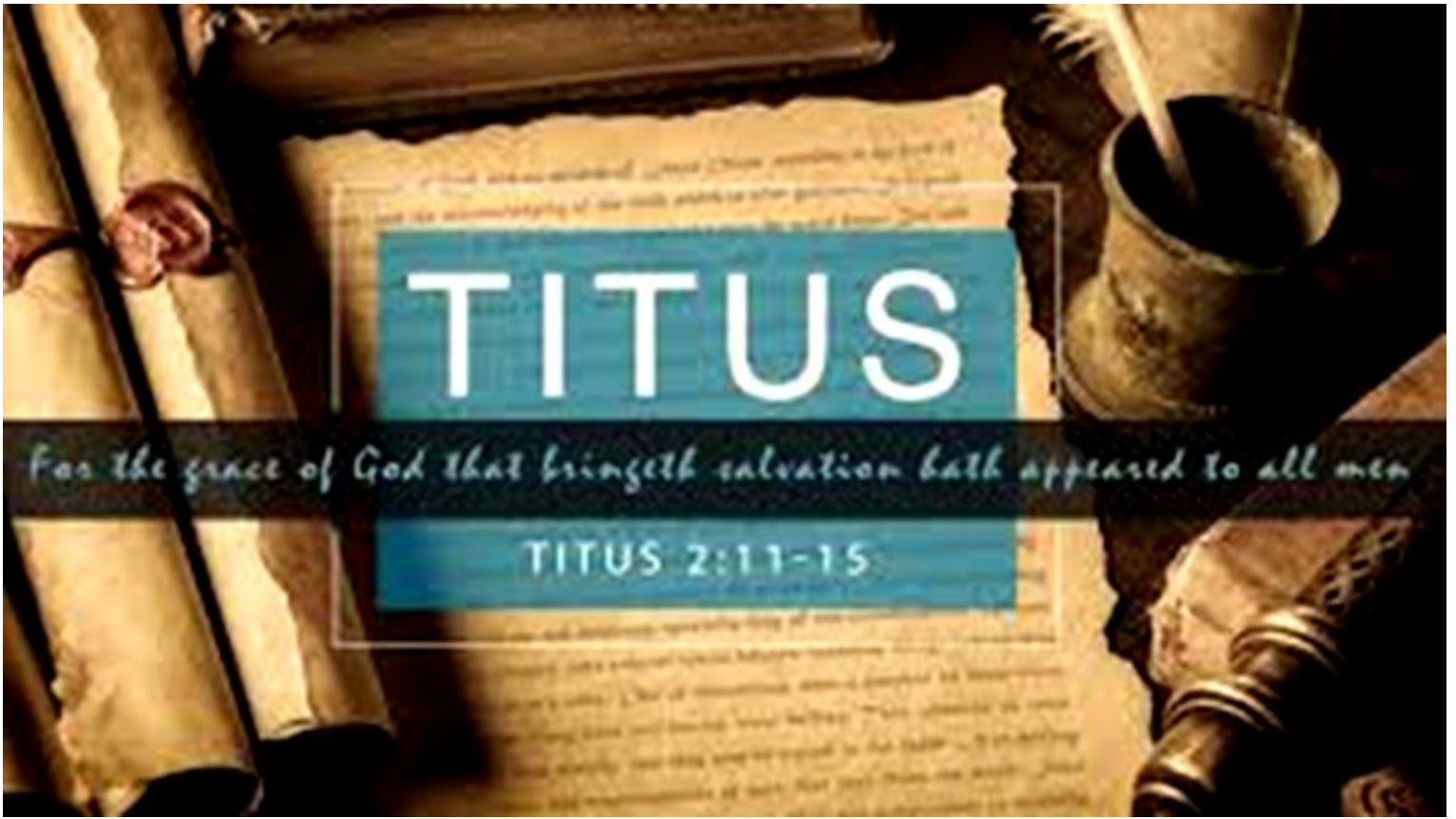
Blessed
to bless
others



Mission Illinois Offering
& Week of Prayer

*Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
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Where the Hope of Jesus Is Alive



Rich's Review

September in the C-U is always an exciting time. Town grows by about 50% and youthful ambition is palpable if not contagious. Summer is great and it's been fun at PABC with VBS and Summer emphasis, but especially around here, things get serious in the Fall.

Things are happening at PABC! We are in the middle of adopting a class at Wiley Elementary School to pray, support and help one of the Kindergarten Classrooms. Please join me in praying for teacher, Sue Foreman and principal, Dr. Heinhorst. Pray too for families and the kids.

Our Church Plant, River of Life Church is also taking two big steps in September. Pastor Thomas Li is set to be ordained in a service at PABC on the 15th. And, on the 29th, River of Life will launch as a church type mission at PABC. These events are milestones in a church's development, but also the hallmark of a healthy parent church fulfilling the Great Commission. Let's rejoice in all the Lord is doing.

I am blessed to be your pastor,
Rich



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Sept. 8-15

About IBSA

OUR PURPOSE:

Founded in 1907, the Illinois Baptist State Association is an association of messengers from Illinois Southern Baptist churches cooperating to achieve common goals. The purpose of IBSA is to assist in establishing and developing effective churches in their context.

Today, nearly 1,000 churches and missions are affiliated with the IBSA.

IBSA VISION STATEMENT:

We see Jesus as our Master, His Great Commission as our mandate, and healthy, multiplying churches as our primary means of making disciples throughout Illinois, our nation and world.

With compassion for spiritually lost people and anticipation of Jesus' return, we will work cooperatively with local associations and other partners to:

- Strengthen existing churches in fulfilling their biblical purpose;
- Start healthy new churches designed to reach new groups of people;
- Send believers into local, state, national and world mission fields to proclaim the Gospel and serve others in the name of Christ; and
- Stimulate stewardship among churches so that God's resources flow faithfully and generously through His people to His worldwide redemptive mission.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Welcome to Teresa Sooley. Teresa joined PABC in August and is a part of the worship team.

We also rejoice with the Batey family as we celebrated the baptism of Celia and Lydia on August 18.



Wednesday September 18, 6:30 p.m.

The Deacons will be sharing a By-Law Amendment to provide flexibility for deacons serving our congregation.

Plans for the Fall Festival, Thanksgiving and Christmas will also be discussed at the meeting. Your ideas and input is appreciated.



Andrew and Jessica Batey

will be sharing about their 2019 trip to Nigeria, about Andrew's home town and about re-establishing a faith based hospital there to reach and help people.

Sunday September 8, 6 p.m.

**Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
Pot-Luck Snacks - Bring Something to Share**



**The Church Works
because of volunteers**

**We are always looking for
new ideas and more help in
current ministry areas.**

**Talk to a pastor
or ministry leader.
We would love to help
you get started**

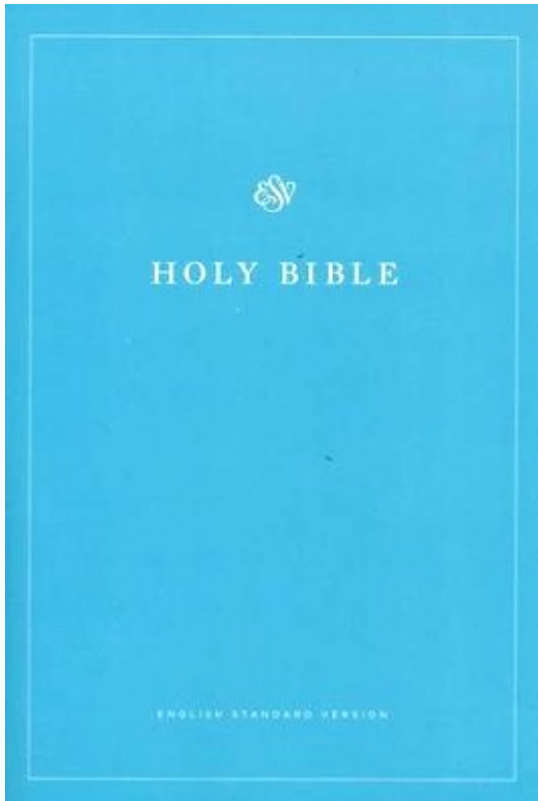


Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind *Who's Your One*. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, our church and countless others will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for *one*. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our *ones* can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



Share God's Word

Have you given the gift of God's Word? Our Pew Bibles at PABC are gifts to be given and discipleship tools to be used.

If you can, share a Bible with a friend, read along with them and encourage them in faith.

42 Bibles have been distributed so far.

The ESV Outreach Bible

Special Features:

Article: Why Read the Bible

40-Day Getting Started Bible Reading Plan

Section: Plan of Salvation



Please support Salt & Light Ministries by shopping, donating goods, giving and volunteering.

Salt & Light is currently in need to raise \$450k to keep the ministry strong. Pray for this effort and ongoing work in Urbana and Champaign.



Sunday, October 24, 1909

**The first meeting in Herald of
Hope Chapel Car**

**110 Years Later
Pennsylvania Avenue
Baptist Church**

Where the hope of Jesus Is Alive



香槟厄巴纳生命河教会
RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

We are so blessed at PABC to host and partner with Pastor Hui "Thomas" Li, his wife Ying and their daughter Isabelle.

Over the past 2 years God has allowed the blessing of being a part of birthing a new congregation in the Mandarin language. We have shared meals together, worship, baptism, fellowship and our facilities.

This September we will celebrate two very important events in the life of this new church.

September 15, 3 p.m.

The Ordination of Pastor Li to the Gospel Ministry. Everyone is encouraged to come and there will be a meal following the service.

September 29, 3 p.m.

River of Life Worship Service. This is a "launch service" for the new congregation. Again, everyone is invited and a meal will follow the service.



PABC CAR CLUB

**PABC Car Club
“Fix it Day”
Saturday, Sept 7
9am-12pm**

A day of getting together to fix cars in the PABC parking lot. If you have an issue with your vehicle that needs attention, contact Pastor Dave and bring it to PABC. Food at noon.

**God has blessed this year during
“In The Wild” VBS!**

We are thankful for all He has done:

- * Thankful for all the great
VBS help during the week**
- * Thankful for the first-time guests that were a part
of VBS**
- * Thankful for Faith Professions of 2 children**
- * Thankful \$213 was raised in offering during VBS
to purchase animals via Baptist Global Response.
We sent 1 sheep, 1 goat, 10 chickens, 10 fish, and
seeds to people groups throughout the world**
- * Thankful new families were reached
during VBS Celebration Sunday
and follow-up activities**

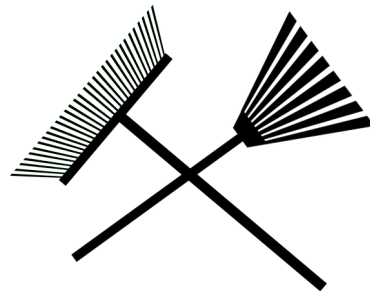


“Chill Out Sunday”

Sunday, Sept 22

4-7pm

Details: Come to PABC for worship, ice cream, and games. For students 6th-college, contact Pastor Dave for more info.



Missions Fundraising for Puerto Rico 2020

The PABC student group is praying about going to Puerto Rico next year on a mission trip. October and November are months they will be doing yard work or other jobs to help raise support for this trip. Each student needs to raise around \$1200. If you have some work need done and are willing to donate to this missions opportunity, contact Pastor Dave.





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Sunday School
Fellowship
Morning Worship

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