

The Reminder

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**For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves
as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

2Corinthians 4:5

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Where the Hope of Jesus Is Alive



Rich's Review

Start Strong in 2020

Read God's Word

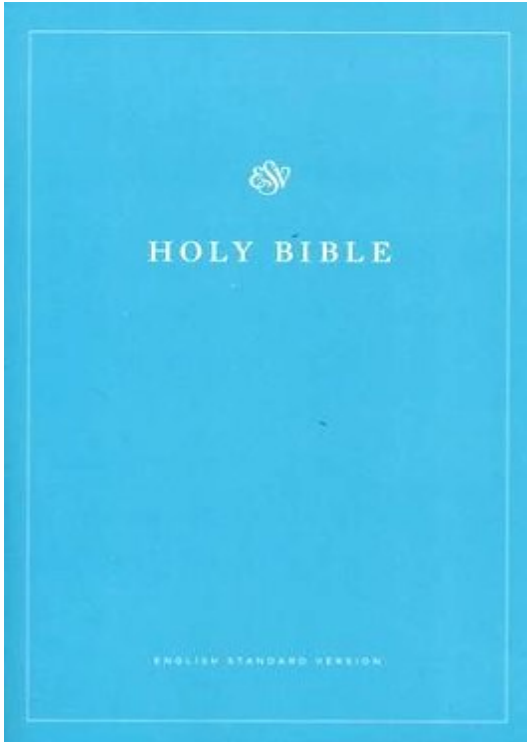
God's Word is the best way to begin a new decade, a new year and a new day. I know the first thing on my list of things to do in 2020 is to pray and go to "biblegateway.com," read the verse of the day, followed by the "Our Daily Bread: The Bible in One Year" scripture passage for January 1. This plan, by the way, is also available online.

The course of my life has been changed on many occasions because it has been my habit for about 40 years to read the Bible through every year. God still speaks today and guides all who will listen and take action according to His Word. I know that's true.

As I begin my 30th year as a senior pastor, I am excited as much now as ever about what God is doing in my life, family, church and world. I believe He will guide you too into a joyful expectation for life if you spend time with Him in the first and/or best part of your day.

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

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.

Over 100 Bibles have Been gifted so far.
About 3 Bibles every week

The ESV Outreach Bible

Special Features:

Article: Why Read the Bible

40-Day Getting Started Bible Reading Plan

Section: Plan of Salvation

Beginning Monday January 6th

Sign-up now for a 6-week Bible Survey Group. You will participate in a 40 day Bible Reading Plan, take a big picture view of God's Word, have opportunity to discuss what it means and ask questions.

There is no cost and Bibles will be provided. For more information text, call, email or see Pastor Rich.

Week 1: Monday January 6th - Foundations



Saturday January 11, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Bring a team, come with a friend or meet-up with a group to participate in our first Trivia Contest.

Start working on your ability to recall useless knowledge, You could be the star of the day and win the contest.

*It should be a fun time in the
PABC Fellowship Hall*

FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER, VISIT
WWW.PABCTRIVIA.WORDPRESS.COM.

Do you know the answer to this question?

What prison in France was stormed by the common people on
July 14, 1789?

Answer: ellitsaB ehT

**Powerful Quotes From
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Faith**
by John Daniel

- 1. Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.**
- 2. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.**
- 3. I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.**
- 4. The end of life is not to be happy, nor to achieve pleasure and avoid pain, but to do the will of God, come what may.**
- 5. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'**

MLK Jr. day is 1/20/20 this year in recognition of Dr. King's impact and commitment to civil rights and the USA. His first commitment was to Jesus and His church.



Undecorating

**Your Help Is Needed and Appreciated
On Sunday January 5th, 4 p.m.
The Christmas decorations at church
will be put away for another year.**



Use a unified budget. This presents the common purpose for the congregation.

Operate on a budget. Your church budget should be a reflection of what God wants you to do within *His* church for the coming year. These objectives, as seen through ministry budgets, help you set goals and keep focused

Ten advantages of a one fund budget

- 1. Streamlined communication to church.**
- 2. Easier to concentrate on one theme.**
- 3. Demonstrates the value of the entire budget.**
- 4. Sets comprehensive ministry expectations for the congregation.**
- 5. Able to build in things like accelerated debt reduction.**
- 6 Reinforces giving to the church rather than specific projects.**
- 7. Broader level of buy-in that results in a greater sense of ownership.**
- 8. Provides a total picture of ministry investments and impact.**
- 9. Less confusion for new members and visitors.**
- 10. More accurate tracking of corporate giving health and metrics.**

A unified budget means that every person giving gets to participate in every activity and ministry of the church through their giving. It also provides a clear focus and goal for the entire church to pursue in faith for the glory of God.



READ SCRIPTURE

Pick up a copy of the “Our Daily Bread” devotional guide at church. This guide provides a verse for each day, a short devotional story of faith in everyday life and a Bible Reading Plan to read through the entire Bible in the course of the year.

You can also subscribe to ourdailybread.com and receive the daily devotional information on your phone or email. At the website you can watch daily devotional videos and read devotions.

The website also provides Bible Study courses and additional information.

All of the ODB resources are free and easy to access.



Wednesday January 15th
6:30 p.m.

- 2020 Budget Adoption
- 2019 Year End Review
- Ministry Updates and plans

Please Plan to Attend



THANK YOU!

Your pastors and staff want to say a big thank you for all the support, encouragement, prayers that you provide at PABC every day.

We are grateful too for the wonderful expressions of your love through the love offering at Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!





A Special
THANK YOU



Pastor Phil and Patty McGarvey, thank you for all the great moments of worship at Christmas. What a wonderful season of praise and joy was shared through all those involved in making worship an awesome experience for everyone.

The songs, musicians, vocalists, bell choirs, puppets, and more all made for worship services filled with meaning and memories.

Every element of worship from Scripture Reading to candle lighting, to missions videos to fellowship was a testament to God's love in Jesus Christ.

Thanks to all who came, shared and served.





The email prayer chain at PABC exists to provide prayer support for all needs and concerns.

If you would like to share a request, send an email to pabcpastorrich@aol.com, pabcurbana@aol.com, call the church office at 367-5924 or call a staff member. The request will be shared as soon as possible through the internet list via email.

If you would like to be a part of the email prayer chain, contact the church office to share your email address and you will be added to the chain.



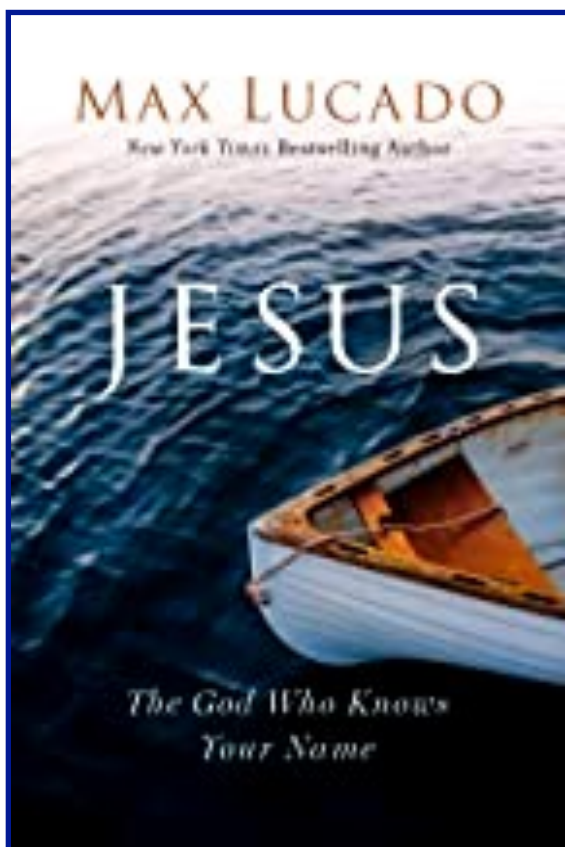
Six years in the making, **Blind Eyes Opened** is a feature-length documentary that explores and exposes sex trafficking by talking to law enforcement officials, experts and lawmakers – as well as those who have been victims of it. The film is billed as a “first-of-a-kind Christian documentary.” “Once you've learned how to recognize human trafficking, you begin to see it everywhere – it's in every single community,” said executive producer Geoffrey Rogers. **Blind Eyes Opened** will be in theaters for one night only: Jan. 23.



Sunday February 2nd, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

Men make the chili and everyone is a judge

Come, bring friends and enjoy some fun



**Jesus: The God Who Knows
Your Name
by Max Lucado**

**Watch for this new work by
one of the Christian World's
favorite authors.**

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everywhere**



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Sunday School
Fellowship
Morning Worship

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