

The Reminder

FEBRUARY 2020

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For by You I can run against a troop, and
by my God I can leap over a wall.

This God—His way is perfect; the word
of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for
all those who take refuge in Him.

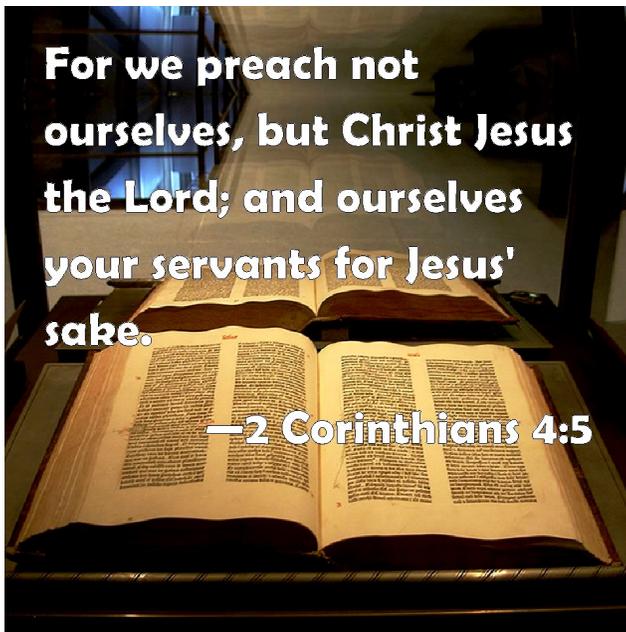
Psalm 18:29-30

Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

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Where the Hope of Jesus Is Alive



Rich's Review

P.A.B.C. 2020
February

A Year to Share the Gospel,
Serve Our Community and
Celebrate Jesus Christ

You might call February, “the dead of winter,” the time of year that is coldest, darkest and a time that seems like winter will never end. Chief Meteorologist in Chicago, Tom Skilling said, “This is a literary term, not a term from meteorology.” The appearance of things in nature with cold, dark, snow covered land may make things seem lifeless. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. There is so much happening that is renewing and replenishing God’s creation at this time.

In the same way, spiritually as with nature, appearances can be very deceiving. With illness, travel and weather, you might think this is a down time at church and in your spiritual experience. But, God is doing great things, bringing about miracles of transformation. Worship, Bible Discovery Groups and Fellowship, God is renewing, replenishing and transforming lives. PABC is a great fellowship to be a part of right now.

Don’t miss February’s blessings. The month begins with a focus on prayer and sharing the Gospel, with good fellowship at the Super Bowl party and it will conclude with a time of personal worship as we begin the Easter season. God is good. He is at work. He is blessing.

I am blessed to be your pastor,
Rich



Event Description

C-U at Home One Winter Night will take place on Friday, February 7, 2020, in downtown Champaign. This is our ninth time to hold this signature community event to raise awareness and funds to help the homeless in our community!

Box dwellers commit to spending 12 hours outside in a cardboard box, along Neil Street in downtown Champaign and raise at least \$1,000 to help C-U at Home continue doing all we do to help our community in 2020.

How to Get Involved:

You can get involved with us by donating or signing up to be a box dweller, business sponsor, or volunteer!

www.cuathome.us/one-winter-night/

What Does CU@Home Do:

**Phoenix Drop-In
Transitioning Housing
Street Outreach
Transportation Ministry
Education and Advocacy**

who's your **ONE?**

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.

whosyourone.com

We track and measure everything and sometimes, we think the only numbers that really matter are the big ones. I'm challenging us all to focus on this number: the number one. Who's your ONE?

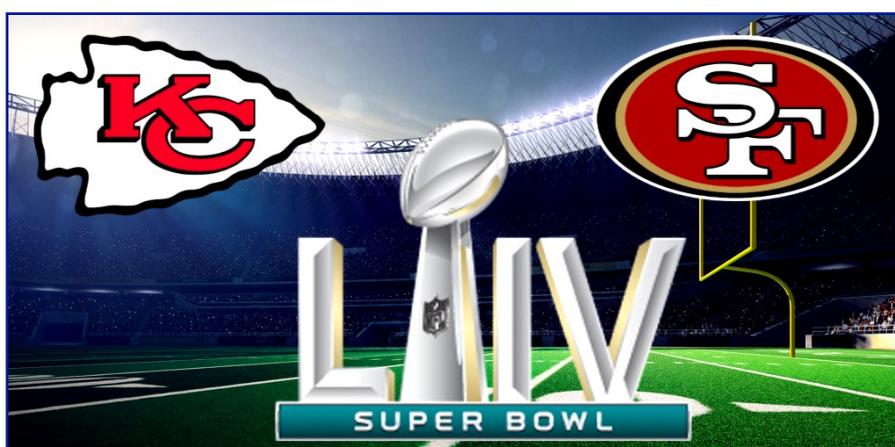


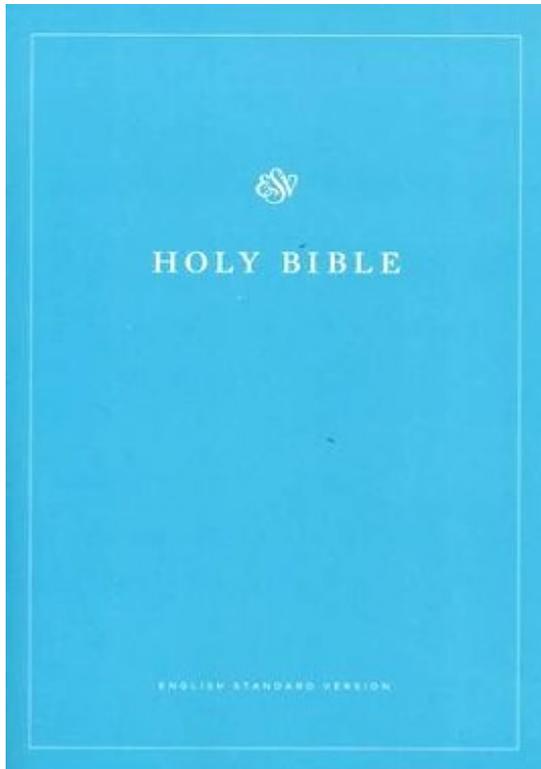
Super Bowl Party & Men's Chili Cook - Off

Everyone is welcome to this annual time of fun, friendship and football. Invite some friends.

All men are encouraged to make and bring their favorite Chili recipe. Everyone will taste and vote on their favorite and the winner will be announced at half-time of the Super Bowl. The winning recipe will be printed in the March "Reminder" newsletter.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite football snack to share as we "tail-gate" in the fellowship hall while watching the game.





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

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

Bible Discovery Group

BDG #1 is completed on Monday February 10th

A new group is being formed now to begin soon. If you would like to take part, please contact the church office or Pastor Rich for more information.

Be a prayer partner and/or a Bible reading partner

There is no cost and Bibles will be provided.



Worship This February

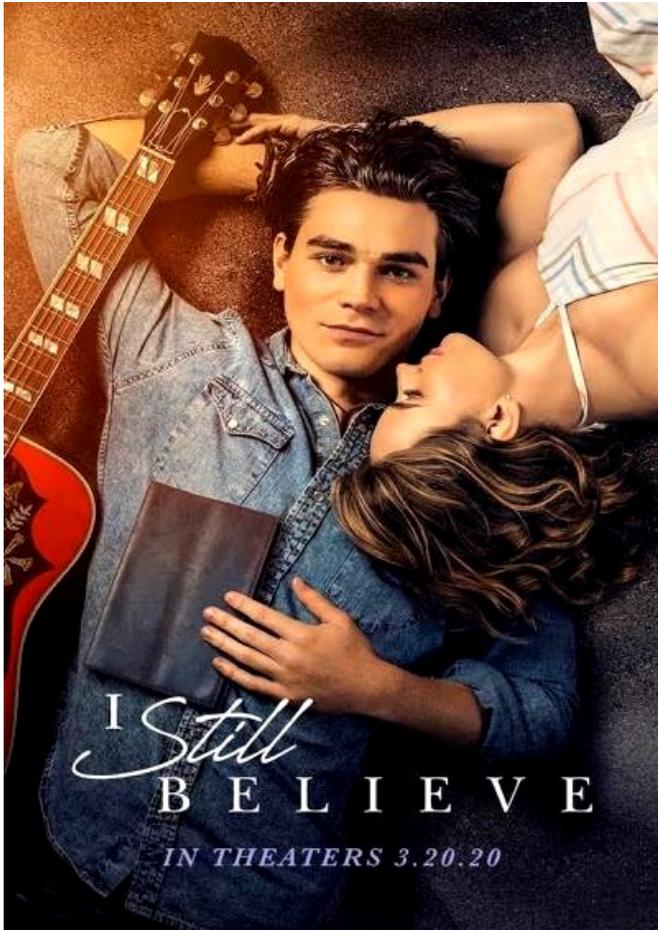
Jesus' Path to Your Best Life Mark 4-6

Worship in February will continue the emphasis of learning to walk with Jesus by walking through Mark's Gospel to learn more about how Jesus lived.



On January 15 the Church adopted a base budget that reflected expected expenses for the coming year. The discussion continued about the church financial and facility needs and it was decided to hold more discussion in the February Meeting about adopting a plan to promote a "Victory Goal" to pay off PABCs self-loan of \$36,025.45.

Your ideas and creativity are welcome to be a part of the discussion. The February Meeting is scheduled for 2/19 @ 6:30 p.m.



**Coming to Theaters
February 20th**

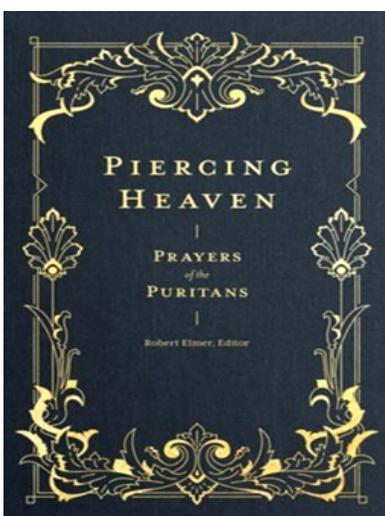
I Still Believe

**Starring:
Shania Twain
Gary Sinise Britt
Robertson
KJ Apa**

Award-winning Christian singer Jeremy Camp is gearing up for the release of a movie about his life that tells the inspiring story of love, loss and faith.

The biopic feature film “I Still Believe” chronicles the story of Camp’s first marriage to Melissa Lynn Henning-Camp who died of ovarian cancer in 2001, less than a year after they were wed.

Jeremy’s latest release, “Dead Man Waking” is number six on the current Christian Contemporary Chart of most popular songs. He also wrote a song entitled, “I Still Believe.”



New Book Available Soon

**“Piercing Heaven”
Prayers of the Puritans**

\$17.99 christnbook.com



February 17, 2020

“I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.” ~ Abraham Lincoln

**“A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”
~ Theodore Roosevelt**

**“The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”
~ John F. Kennedy**

**“You can’t divorce religious belief and public service. . . I’ve never detected any conflict between God’s will and my political duty. If you violate one, you violate the other.”
~ James Earl Carter, Jr.**

**“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”
~ George Washington**

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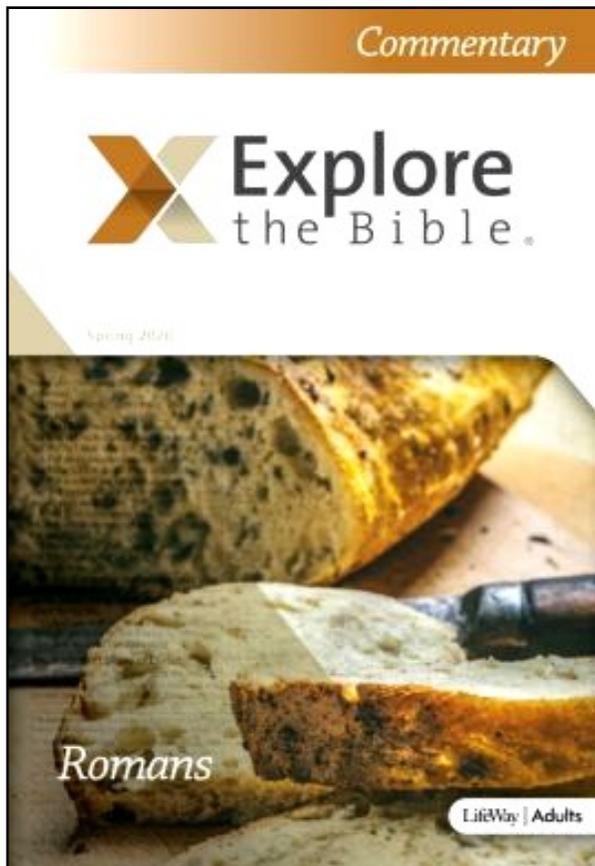
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**North American
Mission Board**

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 1-8, 2020**

**Supporting 1000's of ministers, church planters
missionaries and families sharing the
Gospel across our continent.**



Coming to Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study In March

A discussion and study
of Paul's Epistle
to the Romans



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.



Church is located in Monticello, Illinois 61856.
738 West Bridge Street

February 8, 2020
Calvary Baptist Church

Registration (8:30 to 9:00)
General Session 1 - Johnny Hunt
Breakout Session 1 – Bob Reccord
Lunch (11:30 to 12:30)
General Session 2 - Jeremy Morton
General Session 3 – Johnny Hunt
Closing (2:30 to 3:00) – Sharing & Prayer

Call to register at Calvary Baptist
217.762.2988
E-mail your registration by
February 4, 2020
calvary@monticello-calvarybaptist.net

How to Beat the Winter Blues

by Jennifer Clarke

Check out the rest of this article at the site below
adivineencounter.com/beating-the-winter-blues/

1. Go to bed early.
2. Wake up early.
3. Spend time in God's Word and prayer first thing in the morning.
4. Know the truth.
5. Be aware of the lies.
6. Remind yourself of truth often.
7. Take a shower and get dressed.
8. Exercise.
9. Drink plenty of water.
10. Eat healthfully.

The only way to know the truth is to know Jesus, for He is "the truth" (John 14:6). And **by spending time in His Word, I learn important truths to cling to:** "I am a child of the light and of the day" (1 Thessalonians 5:5). "I am the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). "I am chosen by God and dearly loved" (Colossians 3:12). "The LORD is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1). "His grace is enough for me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

LASERTAG

Laser Tag

Saturday, February 22

6-9pm

PABC

The 5th grade Unity Basketball team is invited to join with PABC youth for a fun night of Pizza and Laser Tag.

Cost is \$2 per person,

or free if you don't want food.

Open to 6th grade through college agers.

Contact Pastor Dave for more info.



Fundraising

Student Luncheon

Spring Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29

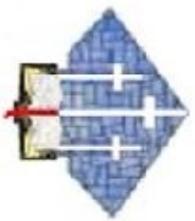
Following Morning Worship Service

PABC Fellowship Hall

The PABC student group will be serving lunch following the worship service to raise support for their summer mission trip.

Suggested donations of \$10 per person would benefit the student group, but any amount is welcomed.





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Sunday School
Fellowship
Morning Worship

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