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—†— *The Mission in Motion*

Worship in the Building



Sunday, February 7 at 10:45am

We look forward to seeing you all this coming Sunday for in-person worship. We highly encourage you to wear face masks as you enter and exit the building and ask that you avoid congregating in the hallways, foyer and aisles of the sanctuary.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and respect towards others! If you have any questions concerning our safety measures please check out our church

[Facebook](#) page or [church website](#). The service will still be recorded for live-streaming on Facebook and will be posted to our YouTube channel and church website later in the day for those who are unable to join us in-person.

Business Meeting

Sunday, February 7 at 1pm

We will be having our quarterly business meeting at 1:00 this Sunday following the morning worship service. We invite everyone to join us downstairs for a spaghetti lunch immediately following the service and then transition upstairs for the meeting. **If you would like to have lunch with us, you must RSVP to Crystal**

at 217-414-3669 by this Wednesday, February 3 so that she knows how much food to fix.



Worship through Giving

Thank you for remaining faithful and generous in your giving! Here are some ways you can give:

Send a check by mail. First Baptist Church 103 W. Sangamon Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675

Drop off during office hours; 9am-1pm, Mon-Thurs, **or in designated area before/after church.**

Generosity by LifeWay – Visit our website at <http://fbcpetersburgil.org/online-giving> to give via credit or debit card. You can also download the Generosity app on your smart phone!

PayPal. You are welcome to give using our PayPal account!



Year-end Contribution Statements went out last week. **If you have not yet received yours and would like a copy of this for your taxes please contact the church office.**

Community Area Code News

Just in case you haven't seen the news on your phone bill, Springfield and the surrounding area is introducing a new area code. In addition to having 217 area codes, they will be adding a 447 area code. What does this mean for us? It means that as of February 27, 2021 it will be mandatory to use the area code along with the 7-digit phone number. Many of you may have numbers saved as only the seven digits but from now on you will have to use all 10 digits when calling. This includes the church number and all local numbers. For instance, you might be used to just dialing 632-2488 to call the church but come February 27 you will have to dial 217-632-2488. This information was taken from our CassComm phone bill but will affect all phone carriers.



Activities, Meetings & Practices

J.O.Y. –The JOY group will not be gathering again until March.

FBC Vocal Ensemble – Practice on Sundays at 5:00 pm

Praise Team – Practice Tuesdays at 6:30pm

2021 Business Meetings –February 7, May 2, August 22 & December 12.



Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Groups



CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY – New start-up date is Sunday, **February 14 at 10:45am.** Kid's thru 6th grade are invited! It will be held downstairs during the sermon portion of the Sunday morning worship. **Parents, all teachers and children**

will wear masks and social distance while downstairs together. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS –Wednesdays at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm. See e-mail link to join.

LIFE GROUPS – Join us for Bible study and fellowship! **Sundays at 9:15 am & 6:00pm. Also Wednesdays at 6:30pm!** For adults of all ages!

SISTERS IN CHRIST – **Sundays at 6:00pm in the prayer chapel.** Women of all ages are invited to come as we discuss the book of Romans, fellowship and hold each other up in prayer. This week we will be discussing Romans 9. Due to the Valentine's Day holiday we will NOT be holding Bible study on the evening of February 14.

YOUTH GROUP – **Sunday, February 7 from 6-7pm.** Bible Study in the basement. February 14 – Virtual Meeting through google meet from 6-7pm. See Angie for invite. February 21 – Bible Study from 6-7pm & February 28 – Bible Study and Dinner – 6-8pm

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH - **Tuesdays, Jan 12 – March 16.** Times are: **12:30 pm – 1:45pm** via Zoom (contact: Becky Bergner) or **6:00 – 7:00pm** in-person (contact: Angie Owens)

Big Game / Bible Study

You are invited to come and watch the Chiefs beat the Bucs in Super Bowl LV this Sunday starting at 5:30, with the main feature being “2-Minute Drills: 7 Game-Changing Plays Men Must Learn” during commercials and half-time. We’ll have snacks and drinks available. Men, bring a friend. Dads, bring your sons. Safety measures will still be in place.

Prayers and Praises

Praises:

Larry & Bonnie Heyen have a new great granddaughter, Leighton James Hall – she was born January 27 in Prattville, Alabama, the daughter of Andrew and Laura Hall.

Bob Nottingham’s full cardiac arrest required no surgery! The power of prayer!

Steve Alm is finished w/chemo!

Steve Baughman’s appointment at Barnes brought good news!

Recent:

David – coded/revived/still fighting

Barb Walter – recovery from major surgery

Tim Kincaid – weakened condition

John Holliday – healing of broken thumb/surgery

Janet Nottingham Forsyth – falling/injured shoulder

Barb – recovery from back surgery

Kelly – cancer/ lymphosarcoma/surgery Feb 5

Randy & Georgia – COVID

Ron & Helen – COVID

Tiffany West family - COVID

Tiffany Owens – move to Texas/Friday

Alexis Holbrook – health



Upcoming HBN & IBSA Events

March 13 - **VBS Preview** “Concrete & Cranes” – Chatham Baptist Church

May 3-7 – **Streator Work Week** Trip

June 7-11 – **HBN Kid’s Camp**

July 26-August 4 – **Rio Mission Trip**

August 7-14 – **Chippewa Nation Mission Trip**

IBSA Priority Conference – April 23-24, First Baptist Church, O’Fallon, IL

Keynote Speaker: **Anne Graham Lotz**

Register online at: <https://www.ibsa.org/ministry-resources/womens-ministry/priority2021/>

Three Options to attend: 1. In-person - \$55 (includes lunch and swag box)

2. Online only - \$30 (swag box mailed to your home)

3. Online only - \$15 (no swag box)

Schedule: Friday, April 23 7:00pm – 9:30pm and **Saturday, April 24** 9:00am – 3:00pm

Pastor's Study

What are we to make of the imprisonment and ultimate beheading of John the Baptist?

“For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because John had been saying to him, ‘It is not lawful for you to have her’” (Matthew 14:3-4).

In other words, John rebuked the king of the land for this immorality and it ended up costing him his life.

I mean, couldn’t he have just kept his mouth shut, mind his own business and let it go. After all, sinners gonna sin, right? Why bother to call it out? Live and let live, bro.

Prophets have never been popular people. Those who do wicked things don’t usually appreciate having their sins exposed by the light of God’s Word.

Jeremiah was another prophet who was imprisoned because he warned the people of impending destruction that God was bringing upon them because of their sin. And when he thought, You know, maybe I’d better just not say anything, “There is in my heart, as it were,” he says, “a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot” (Jeremiah 20:9).

When God plants His Word in the hearts of his heralds, they cannot hold it in. The threats of persecution and even death do not detour them, for they have a sacred charge from the Lord their King, to whom they have pledged their lives, and in whom is their sure reward.

The current cancel culture that seeks to silence every unpopular, politically incorrect voice is not a new phenomenon. And those who preach the exclusivity of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His call to holiness will increasingly face its wrath in this nation.

But the fire in their bones burns for the salvation of souls! The call to “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand,” which both John and Jesus came proclaiming, still compels them to plead with men to turn from their wicked ways and find mercy at the cross of Christ.

Jesus was the light of the world, but He was hated because He testified about the world that its works were evil (John 8:12; 7:7). Yet “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Peter and John (the apostle) had been arrested, warned, and threatened to quit preaching in the name of Jesus. Their response is my appeal to all who claim the name of Jesus: “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:19).

May the Lord grant us boldness to testify to the truth, unashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16). And may He burn within our hearts the loving compassion for souls that compels us to preach the word of the cross – no matter the cost.

-Pastor Rob