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—†— *The Mission in Motion*

Worship Jesus Together

Sunday, February 28 at 10:45am



*A man can no more diminish God's glory
by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic
can put out the sun by scribbling
"darkness" on the walls of his cell.*

— C.S. Lewis

**We welcome you to join us this Sunday
in-person or on Facebook Live at 10:45
to magnify the glory of God as we
worship Him together!**

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Groups

The heart of our disciple-making mission beats in small group Bible studies we call Life Groups. If you've not yet plugged into one of our groups, we urge you to do so! Contact Gragg Stacy or Pastor Rob for more information. Spring "Bible Studies for Life" books are now available.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY – Sunday mornings at 10:45, kids up to 6th grade

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

LIFE GROUPS – Sundays at 9:15 am – Men's, Women's and Co-ed Bible study for all ages.

SISTERS IN CHRIST – This Sunday we'll meet from 6-8pm in the prayer chapel. Women of all ages are invited to come as we discuss the book of Romans, enjoy fellowship, and pray.

MIGHTY MEN OF GOD – We are studying "The Power of Jesus' Names" on Sunday nights at 6:00, featuring the teaching of Dr. Tony Evans. All men are invited to come.

TRUTH SEEKERS – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, adults of all ages welcome

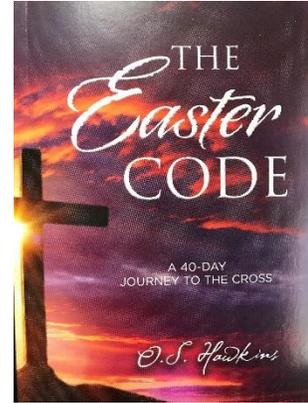
YOUTH GROUP – Sunday, Feb. 28 – Bible Study and Dinner – 6-8pm

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH – Tuesdays, 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Contact Becky Bergner for info.

We grow better together!

*Draw near to Christ this Easter season
as you celebrate His resurrection!*

We still have several copies of this Easter season devotional book available, and we'd love for you to have one and to give one to a friend! This 40-Day Journey to the Cross is designed to help you focus on repentance from sin and consecration to God as we draw near to Him. Pick up your copy on the table in the foyers.



WLUJ Radio



At our last Business Meeting, we voted to donate \$1,000 each to two of our ministry partners – Inner City Mission and WLUJ Radio. We had planned in 2020 to receive special offerings for each of these ministries, but due to the ever-changing circumstances we did not do it.

We featured the Inner City Mission in last week's newsletter, and we want to highlight WLUJ here.

You can tune in to WLUJ at 88.1 in Petersburg, 89.7 in Springfield, with additional translators throughout most of Central Illinois. Or you can listen online anytime at WLUJ.org.

In addition to uplifting music, WLUJ features the Bible teaching of such noted pastors as Tony Evans, David Jeremiah, John MacArthur, Charles Stanley, and the late, great Adrian Rogers. You'll also find talk shows covering current issues, challenges, and practical topics with James Dobson's Family Talk, Focus on the Family with Jim Daly & John Fuller, In the Market with Janet Parshall, Joni & Friends, Equipped with Chris Brooks, and more!



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!

Upcoming BFI, HBN & IBSA Events

March 6 – Baptist Foundation of Illinois **scholarship evaluation day**, Tabernacle Baptist Church in Decatur. Evaluators are needed in the selection process. See Mihaela Sexton for details.

March 13 - **VBS Preview** “Concrete & Cranes” – Chatham Baptist Church, 8:30-Noon

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

Keynote Speaker:
Anne Graham Lotz

**Our church will be hosting this
as a free live simulcast!**

Please call the church office if you would like to attend the simulcast at our church.

However if you would rather attend the conference in-person at O’Fallon FBC or simply watch the conference online in your home, you may follow the registration link below to sign-up individually: <https://www.ibsa.org/ministry-resources/womens-ministry/priority2021/>

Four Options to attend:

1. In-person, O’Fallon FBC - \$55 (includes lunch and swag box)
2. Online only - \$30 (swag box mailed to your home)
3. Online only - \$15 (no swag box)
4. FBC Petersburg simulcast - FREE

For details, contact Becky B. by text at 217-341-2527 or email becky_bergner@yahoo.com.

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

Prayers and Praises

Praises: Thank you, Lord!

Tim Kincaid is safe in the arms of Jesus!

Zach King’s brain surgery went well! He is home from the hospital.

Duey Blair is home from ER and doing well, minus the ends of 3 fingers on left hand from a snow blower accident!

Amy’s cousin, Kelly, got her staples and drain out and is now cancer free!

Keith and Carolyn’s 2 mo old great granddaughter is home from the hospital and doing well!

Karen Hinds is off ventilator!

Recent Requests:

-Things are heating up again for D’Anna’s friends in Nigeria. (Matt. 10:18)

-IMB missionaries in African hospitals, fighting COVID: George, Jeff, Kathie, and Gary

-Storm victims in Texas, across US

-Comfort and peace for the Kincaid family

Pastor's Study

Everybody in the world knows that Jesus taught us to “Judge not” (Matthew 7:1). And everybody’s pretty quick to quote that command when they feel like somebody’s getting a little too close to their affairs. But what is Jesus really saying here? And what is He not saying?

We have to understand that He’s saying at least this: **Judgment is God’s business – not ours.** It is simply not our place and not our job to declare sentences of condemnation against anyone. God alone makes that call. “There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? (James 4:12). Every single person and nation will stand before God and give account. Books will be opened before Him at the great white throne judgment (Revelation 20:11ff.), and His judgment will be just, righteous, and final.

[By the way, now’s the time to make sure your name is written in the book of life by trusting in Jesus – the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and our Great High Priest who saves to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him!]

Jesus also prohibits the kind of self-righteous, judgmental, condemning spirit exemplified by the Pharisees in His day and in every age. We must not exalt ourselves over others in judgment concerning temporal things. Let us not make harsh, rash, biased, malicious, unmerciful, baseless judgments against one another. We ought not to be white-gloved faultfinders or dirt-diggers always looking for flaws and assuming the worst about a person’s motives or intentions. We usually do not know the whole story. We should not judge a person by a single action, wayward word, or by how they voted in the last election!

So, what is Jesus not saying here? Let me offer these four thoughts.

1. **He’s not saying that we should not make good, right, wise judgments.** “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgments” (John 7:24). We’re called to live wisely in this world, not foolishly nor naively. You’d never ask someone to babysit your children whom you did not judge to be responsible and qualified for the job!
2. **He’s not saying that we should never seek to reprove a brother caught in sin.** “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1). And make sure you remove the log from your own eye first before you’d ever attempt such a delicate operation as removing a speck from your brother’s eye!
3. **He’s not saying that we should not judge or rebuke false teachers.** Paul instructed Timothy, “Remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine” (1 Timothy 1:3). We must protect doctrinal integrity within the church, which requires us to make judgments concerning true and false teachers – and then deal with them rightly.
4. **He’s not saying that we should not warn unbelievers of the consequences of sin.** Jesus commands us to “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15). The call to preach the gospel necessarily warns sinners to turn from their evil ways (and from the wrath of God to come!) before it’s too late.

God, give us wisdom from above that is pure, peace-loving, gentle, reasonable, merciful, fruitful, impartial, and sincere (James 4:17), that we may glorify You in our works of faith.

– Pastor Rob