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—†— *The Mission in Motion* →

Worship Jesus Together

Sunday, March 14 at 10:45

It's a Front-Door Day!

Both entrances will now be open on Sunday. Please continue to follow recommended safety measures as we care for one another.

Come worship with us in-person or on Facebook Live at 10:45 to rejoice together in the name of Jesus!



Remember to set your clocks forward this Sunday!

North America is a mission field of complex cultures and diverse religious practices. Missionaries here face challenges from secularism to language barriers to historic health crisis. Yet, in spite of the obstacles, God's mission always moves forward. Your partnership helps make it possible.



Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Groups

The heart of our disciple-making mission beats in small group Bible studies we call Life Groups. The new (March – May) Senior and Adult “Bible Studies for Life” books are in and you may pick one up on the bench next to the church office. Get connected – see Gragg Stacy for more info!

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.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:00am. Gragg Stacy -teacher. Even if you are uncomfortable coming in person you can join a small group by being a part of this Bible study! Check your e-mail for a link to join this zoom meeting.

LIFE GROUPS – Sundays at 9:15 am – Men’s, Women’s and Co-ed Bible study for 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, 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, March 14, 6:00pm. Grades 7-12 are welcome to join us!

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

We grow better together!

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!

Ministry Connection Points

J.O.Y. – The next get together for Just Older Youth (60+) is **Monday, March 29 at 11:30 am.**

We will have a soup and sandwich lunch. Our own Tom Egglely will be our presenter with “Tips for 2021”. Please call or text Penny at 217-341-6092 to let her know if you will be able to come, and feel free to invite a friend!

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

Praise Team – Practice Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Upcoming BFI, HBN & IBSA Events

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** (3rd-6th grade at Streator Baptist Camp). See Pastor Rob for info.

July 26-August 4 – **Rio Mission Trip.** Contact Pastor Rob if you would like to know more.

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

IBSA Job Opening

The **Illinois Baptist State Association** is still looking for someone to fill a **full-time ministry assistant position** at their offices. Education and experience requirements for this job are: completion of 12th grade and minimum of three years' experience in typing and general office practices. Please contact Jeff Deasy, Administrative Director of Operations at jeffdeasy@ibsa.org or 217-391-3104 if you are interested in this position. A job summary for this position is posted on the small bulletin board at church, it is also available by clicking [IBSA Ministry Assistant Job Description](#) or you may pick up a copy in our church office.

Prayers and Praises

Praises:

Beautiful music in Sunday's Worship service from our FBC ensemble!
Catherine Davis was feeling better on Monday!
Beulah Hollis is safe in the arms of Jesus!

Recent Prayer Requests:

Amy's friend, Erin – fibromuscular dysplasia/no medications or procedure to fix it!
Catherine Davis – kidney infection/pain
Mary Monroe's husband's cousin, Brian Grove, needs to find a kidney transplant soon.
Beulah Hollis family – comfort and peace
Melissa Tremain –needs treatment for back pain/also needs a trustworthy, able bodied person to help her with ongoing problems with Bobbie Jo and every day duties
Ron's cousin, Charlene Baugh's family – comfort and peace

Pastor's Study

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

Matthew 7:13-14

The narrow gate opens to a hard road, but it leads to eternal life... and only a few find it.

The wide gate opens to an easy road that leads to destruction... and many follow it.

Which way are you going?

Jesus is the narrow gate, and the only way to enter is through repentance and faith. The way is hard because it requires you to deny yourself and take up your cross daily. The path is not paved with parades and cotton candy, but it may be marked with suffering, persecution, or even death. This isn't fine print buried at the bottom of the contract – it's the front page headline calling us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus.

The wide gate represents everything else – every other religious system, tradition, heritage-naming claim, works-based effort, or no faith at all. Everyone who rejects Jesus has entered through this gate and is on the broad road that leads to destruction. This way is easy because there's no commitment or sacrifice needed. You do you here. Indulge yourself and take up your pleasures daily. Whatever seems right to you, however you want to live – this road's for you.

The narrow gate leads to life abundant and eternal in the glorious Kingdom of heaven. The wide gate leads to eternal separation from God in the destructive torments of hell. The outcome of these two paths could not be clearer.

As we noted Sunday, here are seven signposts to help you know you're on the narrow road.

Jesus is my everything. You're willing to give up anything and everything to come to Him, to know Him, and to follow Him, because He alone is the treasure worth having above all else.

Longing for the glory of God. You long for the name of Christ to be exalted among all nations, for every knee to bow and every tongue to confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God.

Delighting in the Word of God. You love His truth, His righteousness, His promises, His ways. His commands are your delight, your meditation all day long as you feast on His Word.

Yearning for holiness. You yearn with a holy hunger and thirst for righteousness, learning to love the things God loves and hate the things God hates.

Walking in step with the Holy Spirit. You're walking by the Spirit when you have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires, and the Spirit produces in you the fruit of the Kingdom.

Growing in love for others. You live out obedience to Christ by loving one another, especially the fellowship of believers, because God's love has been made real in your life.

Enduring in the faith despite the hardships. You are continuing steadfast in Christ, not losing heart, but pressing on in the strength God provides knowing there are better things to come.

Are you on the right road?

– Pastor Rob