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—†— *The Mission in Motion*

Worship Jesus Together

“Blessed is the King
who comes in the
name of the Lord!”

(Luke 19:38)

Don't let the rocks cry out in your
place! Worship with us in-person
or on Facebook Live at 10:45!

Sunday, April 25 at 10:45 am



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!

Business Meeting

Our next regular Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2, at 1:00pm. All members are invited to attend this meeting. We will be finishing our discussion on the parking lot and taking care of our other quarterly business. Lunch will be served after our worship services for those who wish to stay. RSVP to Crystal at 217-414-3669 by April 30 if you will be coming to the lunch.



Save the Date

VBS 2021 July 26-29

Are you willing to help with VBS? If so, please contact Sherry Holliday.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Groups

JOIN A LIFE GROUP! WE GROW BETTER TOGETHER!

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

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS – Wednesday at 10:00 am See e-mail link to join. Due to a scheduling conflict there will not be a 7:00pm prayer meeting this week.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:00am. Gragg Stacy -teacher. Check your e-mail for a link to join this zoom meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Join us Sundays at 9:15 am for Men, Women and Co-ed Bible study classes of all ages.

SISTERS IN CHRIST – Join us this Sunday at 6:00pm in the prayer chapel as we finish our last chapter of the book of Romans this week.

MIGHTY MEN OF GOD – All men are invited to come as Pastor Rob leads in Bible study this Sunday night at 6:00.

TRUTH SEEKERS – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Bible study for adults of all ages!

YOUTH GROUP – Sunday, April 25. Bible Study from 6-7pm. Grades 7-12 are welcome to join! We have started a new bible study called **Resolved to Follow Christ**.

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH – Starting a new Bible study, “Finding Your Victory”, on April 27.

This life group will meet on Tuesdays. A session is available at 10:30am with Becky Bergner or at 6:00pm with Angie Owens. Book cost is \$17.49 each. See Becky Bergner to sign up for this session and pick up your book and pay for it.

COMING SOON!!!

Youth Sunday School is returning!!! Starting Sunday, June 6th at 9:15am we will once again be having morning bible study classes for youth. This class will be led by Scott and Angie Owens and will be using the Bible Studies for Life Material put out by Lifeway. All youth grades 7-12th grade are invited to join! This will be in addition to the Sunday night youth group. See Angie Owens for more information.



Ministry Connection Points

J.O.Y. – The next outing will be to Ottawa, Illinois on April 26! Plans are to visit Reddick Mansion, the site of a Lincoln-Douglas debate, Radium Girls monument & eat lunch. Church van will leave at 8am.

Music Ministry News - FBC Vocal Ensemble will practice this Sunday at 5:00pm. We will continue practices through May 23rd and then take a break for the summer. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Amy Gallion. **Praise Team** practices on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact Scott Owens if you are interested in joining this group.

Upcoming Events

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FBC Petersburg Simulcast

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY April 23-24!

Call the church (217-632-2488) by Wednesday, April 21 to sign up for this free women's conference with Anne Graham Lotz! Friday Supper and Saturday lunch will be provided.

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HBN Kid's Camp - June 7-11, 3rd-12th grade at **Streater Baptist Camp**. Cost is \$165 but there is help available for this. See Pastor Rob if you are interested in going.

Rio Mission Trip - July 26-August 4. This mission trip is officially on! If you already have your passport and are interested in going, please **contact Pastor Rob immediately!**

Prayers and Praises

Praises:

Ruth Londrigan and her Grandfather tested **NEGATIVE** for Covid!
D'Anna made it back home to Martinsville, IL to be with her mother, Marilyn!
IMB missionary, George Smith - Doing well weaning from the ventilator. He is awake and off morphine. His body seems to be fighting the bacteria/fungus!
Steve's brother, Dan is off the ventilator, eating regular food & visited with his wife Monday!
Tony Bounds is at Laurels of Summit Ridge Rehab Center in Asheville, N.C. for therapy!

Recent Requests:

Brother Tom Eggle – complications from outpatient surgery
Priority Women's Conference/Simulcast this weekend!
First Place for Health New Bible Study starting next Tuesday, April 27!
Dave LaMaster – cancer/chemo
Ethel Bounds – bulging disk in spine/relief from pain
Mary Bailie – gall bladder surgery Tuesday
Neal Starkey – eye surgery Tuesday for torn and detached retina
Ruth Londrigan and Grandfather – flu
Sherry Sullivan – herniated disks/shots did not help/hip and back pain/Dr. appt Thurs

April Bible Challenge

Read: Acts, Romans, and 1 Corinthians

Memorize (or customize): Acts 2:14-41 /or/ Romans 6:1-11 /or/ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pastor's Study

You're going to look strange to a cruel and crooked world when you obey the command of Jesus to love one another. But we've got to be okay with being strange!

Indeed, the whole law is fulfilled in this one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:14).

And Jesus gave us a "new commandment...that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). You want to talk about some serious bar-raising! The standard for the way we are commanded to love others is the way that Jesus loved us! So, how did Jesus love us?

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus sacrificed His life for us on the cross, displaying the depth of His love – not because we were good, decent, deserving fellows, but while we were rebellious, self-absorbed, ungodly sinners. Who loves like that?! Christ does!

God's love for us surpasses knowledge and defies comprehension. Because of this merciful and gracious love, showcased in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, we can truly be made right with God through repentance and faith in Christ. Our sins are washed away, and we are saved from the wrath of God. We are made new in Him, adopted into His family, united in Him, clothed in His righteousness, sanctified by His Spirit, and promised an eternal inheritance in heaven. And did you know there's nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord? (Romans 8:35-39). What a gift! What a love! What a Savior!

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!*

And guess what. That's the way we are called to love one another – laying down our lives for others; our family, neighbors, strangers, even enemies. Sound impossible? It would be, except for the truth that there's nothing impossible with God, and if we've been born again and Christ lives in us, we can truly do all things through Him who strengthens us – even to love like that.

Let me offer to you just a sampling of practical biblical teaching that shows us what this love looks like in the day-to-day...Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 6:27-36, 10:25-37; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Acts 4:32-37; Romans 12:9-21, 13:8-10, Ephesians 5:22-33; et al.

Church, let's keep shining the light of Jesus into our neighborhoods and the nations by increasing in love – wholehearted love for the Lord that results in obedient love for one another. Will that look strange? No doubt it will. But will God be glorified in His church, will the body of Christ be built up in love, and will the unbelieving world sit up and take notice and some come to faith in Christ? No doubt about it!

– Pastor Rob