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—†— *The Mission in Motion* →



**"Her children rise up
and call her blessed..."**

Join us in worshipping God and honoring mothers this Sunday, May 9, in-person or on Facebook Live at 10:45! Every mother will receive a carnation and candy!

Mother's Day Offering – This Sunday we will be receiving our yearly special offering for the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. If you would like to give to this ministry you may make out a check to our church and put "MDO" on the memo line. Envelopes are also available on the foyer table for your convenience.



**Baptist Children's Home
and Family Services**

Sunday, May 23

10 Talents will be performing at the PORTA High School Baccalaureate at 7:00pm – a service sponsored by the PORTA Ministerial Association. **Praise God – the \$1,500 need for this event has been met!**



This group will also be leading worship at our church that Sunday morning at 10:45. Invite a friend and come ready to praise! We will be receiving a love offering for this group during our service as a thank you for leading out our in our morning worship.

We also thank God for generous donations that have been received so far toward our Capital Improvement project! This week \$5,470 was given to help us build a new garage / building, as work continues on dismantling the old shed. With what has been given and what we have in our Capital Improvements fund already, we still need nearly \$15,000 to pay for it. Would you pray about making a financial contribution for this work? You can designate your gift to “Capital Improvements” or use one of the specially-marked offering envelopes near the offering boxes. Thank you!



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!

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 & 7:00 pm. See e-mail link to join.

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 as we go through the book of 1 Corinthians during the month of May. We will be starting an Anne Graham Lotz video study, “Pursuing More of Jesus” in June. Please contact Amy Gallion at 217-361-4798 this week if you are interested in joining us for this summer Bible study.

MIGHTY MEN OF GOD – We will be starting a new study **May 16** called “Mindset for Men.” All men are welcome to join us for this Sunday evening Bible study.

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

YOUTH GROUP – **next Bible Study is Sunday, May 16** 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 – **Spring Bible Study - “Finding Your Victory”.** This life group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30am with Becky Bergner or at 6:00pm with Angie Owens.

YOUTH GROUP, SISTERS IN CHRIST AND MIGHTY MEN OF GOD – **Will not be meeting for Bible Study this Sunday night due to Mother's Day.** Enjoy time with your family!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - COMING SOON!!!

Nursery/Preschool, Children, Youth and Young Adult Sunday School classes are returning!!! Starting Sunday, June 6 at 9:30am. The youth 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! The children will continue to use the Gospel Project material and be divided into two classes: Nursery/Preschool (Babies-Preschool) and Children (K-6th grade). Nicole Holbrook will be teaching the Nursery/Preschool class and there will be a rotation of several teachers in the Children's class. Pastor Rob will once again lead the Young Adult Class.



Ministry Connection Points

J.O.Y. – Note that the June and July events have been switched. Updated Schedule: May 24 – Wildlife Prairie Park, Peoria, June 28 – Melvin Price Lock & Dam, Alton, July 26 – Westclox tour, LaSalle/Peru/Streator, August 30 – Broom Orchard, Carlinville and September 27 – Hannibal, Missouri. See Penny for a printed schedule of events.

Music Ministry News - FBC Vocal Ensemble will practice this Sunday morning at 10:15am. We will be singing two songs this Sunday. – Onward Medley (as a call to worship) and “Here at the Cross” (as an invitation). **Praise Team** practices on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact Scott Owens if you are interested in joining this group. **Summer Hymn Caroling** – If you have been unable to join us in singing for church we would still love to have you join us in spreading the love to shut-ins over the summer through song. Details on this summer music ministry will be coming soon!

Upcoming Events

HBN Kid's Camp - June 7-11, 3rd-12th grade at **Streator 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!** Those going are highly encouraged to have taken both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine a month ahead of the trip.



Save the Date

VBS 2021 July 26-29

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

Prayers and Praises

Praises: Rod King's brain surgery went well. He is home, waiting on the biopsy report!
Parent-Child Dedication ceremony for Celia Corrigan (Bonnie & Larry great granddaughter)
Ron & Helen King's daughter Shana has officially adopted two children!
Protection from Monday's storms

Recent Requests: Sue Elliott - heart attack, in hospital
Those with tornado damage.
Sherry Sullivan – surgery May 5

Pastor's Study

You don't need me to tell you that time is fleeting, life is uncertain, and eternity is sure. But sometimes we need to reset our perspectives and priorities in light of these realities.

"The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10).

If we've learned anything from this past year, it's that nothing in this life is really guaranteed at all. Health, jobs, finances, even friendships and relationships can all be gone in a moment. Even if we get to 70 or 80 or more, our days are but a shadow, a mist, like fading grass.

Lord, help us to live out these fleeting days for your glory! Help us to make the best use of the time you've given us here on earth. Help us to invest our years wisely for your will.

Normal people spend their time maximizing their own pleasures and pursuing things self-centered goals like fame and money. Or they end up wasting a lot of time on things that have no lasting value, no spiritual return, and ultimately won't matter.

But those who follow Christ don't settle for normal. They live by faith and earnestly seek to please the Lord. They learn to deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23). They find fulfillment, purpose, and great delight in pursuing the things of God's Kingdom and His righteousness. They are compelled by the love of Christ to live "no longer for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Corinthians 5:15).

If you're no longer comfortable with just being comfortable, but ready to step out big-time in faith and eager to see what God might do in you and through you, running the race well, finishing strong, and investing these fleeting days for what matters most for eternity, then hear and adhere to this word from the Lord:

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." – Ephesians 5:15-20

– Pastor Rob