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—†— *The Mission in Motion* →

Worship Jesus Together

Sunday, April 18 at 10:45 am



Come worship with us in-person or on Facebook Live at 10:45!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – Acts 1:8

Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by worshiping the Lord Jesus, building up the Body of Christ, and shining the light of Jesus into our neighborhoods and the nations.

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!

Thank you for giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering!
We have surpassed our goal of \$2,000 and have to date received \$2,079 for missions work in North America!

Spring/Summer Devotional Magazines Available

The May Journey and Stand Firm devotional magazines along with the Summer Open Windows Devotionals are in. Please pick up your copy on the bench next to the church office.

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

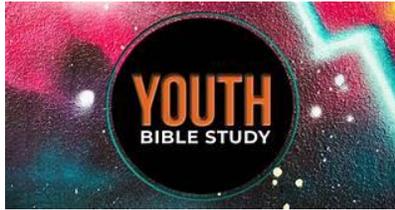
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:00am. Gragg Stacy -teacher. Check your e-mail for a link to join this zoom meeting.

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 Sundays at 6:00pm in the prayer chapel as we finish Romans.

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 18. Bible Study from 6-7pm. Grades 7-12 are welcome to join us!

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.

Save the Date

VBS 2021 July 26-29



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

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. Please call or text Penny at 217-341-6092 by April 19 to RSVP. Church van will leave at 8am.

FBC Vocal Ensemble –Practice will resume this Sunday, April 18 at 5:00pm. We will continue practices through May and then take a break for the summer. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Amy Gallion.

Praise Team – Practice Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact Scott Owens if you are interested in joining this group.



Upcoming Events

PRORITY LIVE SIMULCAST - April 23-24 at FBC Petersburg. Supper provided on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. **Please call the church office to sign up for this free event!** The schedule is as follows:

Fri, April 23 Dinner (pizza & salad): 6:30pm, Session 1: 7:00pm 9:30pm

Sat, April 24 Session 2: 9-11:30am, Lunch (sandwiches): 11:30am-1pm, Session 3: 1-3pm. For details, contact Becky B. by text at 217-341-2527 or email becky_bergner@yahoo.com.



HBN Kid's Camp - June 7-11, 3rd-6th grade at **Streator Baptist Camp**. Cost is \$165 but there may be scholarships available through the association for this. See Pastor Rob for info.

Rio Mission Trip - July 26-August 4. We are still holding out hope for this trip to happen, but we will know more in April. Contact Pastor Rob if you are interested and would like to know more.

Business Meeting Update



At the Special-Called Business Meeting on Sunday, the church voted to approve the Trustees' motions to have the old shed torn down and to build a new garage/storage building at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Work is beginning immediately on this project.

The motion to "Allow Doug Pope, owner of The Broadgauge to pave both of our parking lots at no cost to us, as we allow him use of the lots for

overflow event parking as needed (such as wedding receptions, community meetings, etc., typically Fridays and Saturdays), and when not in conflict with our need for the parking space" was tabled after questions and discussion. The trustees will seek answers and report back to the church at our **next regular Business Meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 1:00pm**. All members are invited to attend this meeting. Lunch will be served after our worship services for those who wish to stay. Please RSVP to Crystal at 217-414-3669 if you would like to attend the lunch.

Prayers and Praises

Recent Prayer Requests:

Sympathy to the family of Neal Chambers and his brother, Terry Chambers!
Tony Bounds – hospitalized/doing better!, Prayers for getting him into a Rehab facility!
Steve Baughman’s brother, Dan – COVID/pneumonia
Priority Simulcast April 23-24
First Place for Health new Bible study – April 27

Pastor’s Study

The message of Jesus’ resurrection still sounds strange to the world’s philosophers today, just as it did in Athens when Paul proclaimed the gospel to anyone and everyone who would listen.

The truth of Christ and His witnesses have never fit in well with the ways of the world. We talk about wanting things to return to “normal,” but maybe we should strive to be more strange! When we’ve been saved and transformed by the grace of God through faith, our lives will look strange to unbelievers. Our allegiance to Christ and His Kingdom and His righteousness collides with a culture bent on idolatry and immorality and the glory of self. The resurrection of Jesus upends normal and turns the whole world upside down.

Like Paul, **we ought to have a strange ache in our spirit for the salvation of lost souls.** Our city, too, is full of idols as people reject Jesus in favor of things like wealth, pleasure, fame, and other ultimately unfulfilling pursuits. Is your heart broken over the state of lost souls?

We need to remember that we have been entrusted as stewards with the gospel mission. We have been commissioned by our King, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and authorized to take the good news of Jesus into all the world. What greater calling could God give you?

We need to keep proclaiming the truth that changes lives and turns the world upside down. To many, God is still an “unknown god.” Let us be faithful men and women of conviction and courage to proclaim this message of salvation. Let us seek to build relationships and make connections with people right where they are, and steer conversations toward the gospel.

Truly, God is “not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:27), and He has revealed Himself as the Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth. He is the Life-Giver, the One who is sovereign over the affairs of men and nations. And He is both Savior of those who repent and believe, and He is the Judge of those who reject and disobey.

All people everywhere need Jesus. His death and resurrection is the saving victory. Let’s renew our devotion to taking the message of these “strange things” to a world in darkness.

– Pastor Rob

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